1209

1209

Maulana
Vol
1209
Gen 195-72

30

Block 7

Rack No.

Shelf No.

Serial No. 1209

General No. 19572

J.B. Hurdis Esqr.

Sir

By desire of Major General Floyd I have the honor to enclose for your information Copy of a Report by which it will appear that Tippoo has [illegible] abroad —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Humble
Servant
Alex Robertson
Captain Comg. Dindigul

Dindigul 16th. December
1798

Extract of a Letter from the Manusparo Akbar Navees - Dated 8th December - Recd the 11th -

"I am informed by the Polygar (Uttana ...) of Ramgherry that thirty of Tippoos Horsemen had arrived at Arravarcourchy (situated near Ramgherry) - that one Khader Hussein with fifty Horsemen and two Companies of Sepoys, and four hundred Peons are arrived at Caroor - and that they were expected at Vagareh Village of Ramgherry, border on the Mysore Country - and that should they enter the Ramgherry boundary and commit troubles, that he cannot remain a spectator" -

(Signed) Syed Ameen -

To the Akbar Navees - at Manusparo -

I have received your letter dated the 18th Inst and desire you will acquaint the Polygar of Ramgherry that unless the force belonging to Tippoo Sultaun and now stationed at Averacourichy and Sarrore should enter his Pollum he can have nothing to do with it - should any of the Mysore Troops pass the Boundary and Commit Hostilities in the Ramgherry Country he is to stand upon the defence, reporting the Circumstance by an express Hircarrah to Major General Floyd the officer Commanding at Sattimungulum and to you for my information

Signed Wm Jackson

Ramnad
22 Dec 98

True Copies

(Signed) L Balfour Ast

Dindigul 16th 3 o'clock PM Decr 17[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

I am exceedingly anxious to hear how mat[illegible]

are coming on at Nowcottah, I hope the business will be soon [illegible]

[illegible], as you know how [illegible] of troops we are here, [illegible]

[illegible] the Guards — I forward you a paper which it is [illegible]

[illegible] of General Floyd with his best respects — the following [illegible]

[illegible] the passages in [illegible] the letter with the above [illegible]

"The General [illegible] [illegible] to you in [illegible]

[illegible] Detaching parties to the [illegible] to have an eye [illegible]

[illegible] safety of your principal [illegible] at Dindigul" —

"Should any of the [illegible] parties [illegible]

[illegible] a hostile manner [illegible]

[illegible]undary and enter our territories [illegible] with the [illegible]

[illegible] to take measures to repel them [illegible]" —

[illegible] precautions for the safety of your own people — [illegible]

From the above passages it becomes [illegible]

[illegible] watchful — what [illegible]

[illegible] particularly [illegible]

the men desirous of seeing our party with [illegible] back

you - I wish with all my heart the [illegible] could

get a good Dressing and then be well finished —

Simpson McKenzy & Greemes

have ere this reached you — with best wishes to [illegible]

and all with you — and compliments to the fellows

Yours very truly

[illegible] Robertson

Had a letter to day from Brown, I am getting

on [illegible] Sheds upon the Rock, two I expect

will be finished tomorrow, sufficiently commodious

to cover the men [illegible] —

Dear Robertson

The aspect is at present [illegible] i-cullest the abominable nest lying in our hands is a great check on the Collerees - who I am given to understand wish to come in - the Paurparputty Collerees will be here this evening and I have hopes of getting the principals - Gopaul Kistna being in my hands is a strong check on his brother to go on well but he and all of them are such infamous villains that little dependance can ever be placed on them -

I hope four days more will complete the business -

No news here

Ever truly yours

(Signed) [illegible] Hurd[illegible]

Whotapanaiguenoor

17th Decr 1798

b

Dear Sir

I had your favor of yesterday at 2 o'clock AM. Be assured the moment the party can be spared they shall be returned – just now the colleries are in great force – report always magnifies but in their case I do not think it far beyond what the real state is –

Cyot [illegible] their head quarters yesterday morning – which was garrisoned by Peons – they left it on approach of the detachment which I was not so well satisfied with if they had stayed I should have [illegible] what their reason is, I cannot say but it seems the first thing of their actions has been determination to resist injudicious management of the center

You shall hear from me again tomorrow by which time I shall know what we are to expect

very truly yours
(Sd) [illegible]

Mr [illegible]

I believe we shall go into [illegible] way
in the course of the day

Vol. x 1209

Dindigul Dec. 1

179[illegible]

Dear Sir

The Bearer who has been in my Service
above two years, & likewise in my [illegible]
[illegible] since the Garrison has been in
[illegible] possession of the Company, a considerable
time a writer of years — & having [illegible]
acquitted himself with great propriety in the
[illegible] discharge of his duty — I beg
[illegible] request that you will [illegible]
[illegible] attention to his Complaint & that
[illegible] has been recommended by [illegible]
[illegible] at the Christian Church, [illegible]
the Instigation of this Church [illegible]

not attending Divine Service on Sunday
at the time that it interfered with his
Duty at the Hospital — particularly
last Sunday Sennight the Day that the
Excommunication took Place — He was
at that time obliged to stay at the
Hospital all the Morning with a Man
who had a Fit of Apoplexy & Lord [?]
him to remain with him in order to
administer a particular Medicine in
Case of a Relapse — He has already
said true hopes towards the Remedy
of a New Church — & says the only Reason
that prevented him from uniting the
Sacrament (another Crime that is held
up against him, that the Church [illegible]

has been in the Habit of administring it, is accus.d of a Crime of the most a[illegible] Nature, for me to commit the Person unless I were fully convinced of its being true as the I had the History of the whole Transaction from Mr. Conductor Johnson, (who was here at the time) assures me it a literal Fact —

The Person con[illegible] infirm of the Particulars all that I have to alledge against the Bodie, is his preventing any [illegible] from doing his Public Duty at the Hospital — I am Sir Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Perry

Copied

From Mr. John King
28th Dec 98

J. P. Hurdis Esq.
Collector
Dindigul

9

Dear Munro

The General desires me to thank you for your received [?] by express which conveyed to him the first account of General Stuart's arrival — he troubles you with the two accompanying letters which he begs you to send on with all expedition

Yours faithfully
Chaalty

Camp
16 miles west of Vellore
11th Feby ½ past 5 P.M.

110 12

Dear Macaulay

I got yours with the two en[illegible] losures at 10 minutes after 11 P.M. Sunday 7th and I sent them off directly to Paul [illegible] about - in future pray dont let the paper be doubled for the quill - for I can scarcely tell it properly we are quiet here at present - [illegible] copy of both enclosures [illegible] a duplicate goes off tomorrow by another route - I shall of course write the moment I got an answer the safe arrival of either at Pallighaut-

Yours ever faithfully
(S) T. B. Hurdis

17th Feby
[illegible]

11 13

My dear Sir,

A separate Guard, consisting of a Serjeant & 6 Privates, shall be posted over your Cash Chest, & ordered to make you, morning & evening, a special Report.

This Guard shall be relieved either every two Days, or weekly, as you may prefer.

I have sent for the Fort Adjt., & shall direct him to withdraw 4 Privates, as you suggest, from the Guard at your [illegible].

I am,
My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
[illegible]

[illegible], 19th Feby
1799

To J B. Martin Esq

(Copied)
From Major Lindsay
dated Dindigul 29th Feby
1799

12 14

My dear Sir

I am just favored with yours answer to my public letter I could wish that the guard over my Cash Chest and the dufters might be wholly distinct from the Paymaster - and that the naigue may be directed to report night and morn to one -

Should want of Sepoys cause your present arrangement - four Sepoys from the guard at my Cacharee (now h n 1. 1. 12) might be dispensed with - and the guard in future be only h n 1 1. 1. 8. - as double sentries over the cash chest were here always necessary

Very truly yours

(signed) W. B. Hunde

19 Feby 1797

(Copied.)

To Major Lindsay
dated 19th Feby. 1799

This letter
to be entered
in the Miscellany
book. —
for the month
of February

Dear Sir

I am favoured with yours,

I send you by the General's desire another letter enclosed for General Stuart which you will send on in the same mode you did the last via Fulgent — The letter from me to General Stuart may go on by Tappal through the ordinary route. — The General thinks it might be as well if you acknowledged the receipt of this by the common Tappal & sent by express only such letters as you may receive from the

other Corps

Yours very faithfully

Chauncey

Head Quarters

Camp Vaniambaddy

23d. Febry 1799

14   16

Dear Sturdie

Harry Row was with me last Night & gave me the News he had from Different Quarters, He seems to me Much of Opinion that they intend a Visit to Pylney but I cannot myself think they will Come unless in very Great force indeed, & I do not understand they are so yet very Powerful, he sends you all the information & you will be the best Judge What Credit is to be given should they make us a Visit, we will be Prepared for them & Give them as Good a Reception as Possible,

about 3 o'Clock this Morning I was Knocked up with a Great Noise at or near the Village, but as there did not appear to be much War in the Matter I sent off the Picket, Who brought Dt Down a Seapoy who it said Went to Rob some of the Tank Diggers Close by the Village, the Seapoy had been a Sentry only an Hour before, I shall Write to the Major About Him, & Give Him a Court Martial, the fellow Wants to make it out a Love Business but from the Other Account I am induced to think it was the Jugs Round the Womans Neck he was Paying his Court to.

Should they make any attempt on Pylney Harry Row thinks that Verapachey will Stop all Communication I believe your Peons Arrived this Morning, Harry Row Proposes Keeping fifty Here, Will thank you for a sight of the Paper now & then & am Dear Sturdie

Yours truly

T. Simons

Pylney Febr 27 1799

turn over

since Writing the above I am inclined to think from what
I have heard that the Secretary Went to the Woman By appoint-
but she did not Expect them at so late an Hour

B

My Dear Sir,

The accompanying of the Patterns of P. V. by [illegible] may be very necessary; as Col. B. writes me he will, if necessary, order 2 Pres. Cos. into [illegible] D. District.

The [illegible] will be safe, by the movements of the Detacht against the attacks of large bodies, & against those of small they will be able to defend themselves. You know well the policy of making the first Detacht as respectable as possible at its outset, to give confidence [illegible] with its bearer. The Detach[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] force. Yrs truly

[illegible]

16 18

My Dear Sir,

Capt. Simmons's letter to me contains near by the same news as those given you.

Amidst such a variety of reports & rumours it is difficult to convey the true state of matters — I can not think that any attempt will be made unless the Ld of D is accompanied him

Yrs very truly
Thursday

March
7th

17

(Copied)

From Major Lindsay

Date 1st March

1799

[illegible]

To be entered in the

Miscellany Book

No. 4

Letters for the month

of March

Sir, }

Manill Cottah
Sunday the 3d March
17A 1799 — 19

I have the honor of transmitt-
-ing to you the Plan of Ummattoor's
Pollam and the boundary stone is laid
down according to your wish - with the
dotted line A e representing the
disputed ground neither shown by the
Managers, or Ummattoor's Pollam

We are getting on well
with the Survey of the Attalacottah
Pollam I ... have surveyed the bound-
-ary one mile from Attoor and the
boundary includes to Battalagoondoo and
it will cause us always to go there from
here which is a great distance. I hope
your

your honor will give us further
orders where to pitch our tents
either at Albany or Skeensborough
just as your honor thinks proper —

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your most obedient
and humble servant
Thos Anthy Johnson
Adjutant Francis Nicoll

P.S. Your Honor Please to send an
order by the Bearer where to pitch
our tents

18 20

March 6th at 3 P.M.

Dear Macaulay

A letter of the 2d has just been

received from Major Tawney ack[illegible]

the receipt of General Harris's second letter at

9 A M on the 2d which he says went

off express to General Stewart in half an hour

afterwards — who has gone on to the Coorg

Country —

The Coimbatorians are collecting

the Princess Royal had arrived at Bombay

from England —

Lackia [illegible] very numerous Banditti

are hanging on the Ryly[illegible] borders & have

committ[illegible]

committed some plundering - he is power-
fully aided by the Dewans of the Sultan and
the Pylney district is under so much alarm
as to have induced the sending the 5 com-
panies of the 1st of the 2d. that may - to
appease a little the agitation -

The western Poligars of Dindigul
Darapoor & Anamaly favor the banditti -
but I hope we shall keep all quiet until
Carore falls -

The 8 Companies will start hence
the 15th to join the Detachment -

Wishing your success
I am Dear Macaulay
Yours truly
(Signed) [illegible]

On second thoughts I inclose you both
Ramsey's letter that your brains may be puzzled
in decyphering his pothooks.

I see that General Steuart [is on] the
east border of the Coorgy country.

My Hircarrah says he hears
was at Basevapatam.

(Copied)

To Mr. Macaulay

6th March 99.

My Dear Sir

That no ... [illegible] in leaving vacant ... [illegible] the Hat, I beg you will have ... to direct the Sirdar of Peons, ... Post, to carry & deliver the ... [illegible] ter to Subadar Ali Khan

The letter contains ... [illegible] marching, ... [illegible] after the rec... [illegible] ... letter a ... to join me in ... [illegible] quantity of P...

From what I h... [illegible] ... d, be ... the [illegible] that [illegible] ... [illegible] still thinks that it might be [illegible] ed against the usual [illegible] of [illegible], by [illegible]:

Robertson will move ... as my letter reaches him — ... setting out early in the morn... [illegible], but will have the ... being you before this.

Yrs truly

[illegible]

Dindigul, 8th March,

1799

I will send the letter by the Jamidar in

of the Peons -

Experience has proved that the Sibbendy

to the defence of the country - the

is a very immaterial business -

troops are ... the p...tection of the districts of

...ellier ... Bendiori ... coonapully Billagonta

...and ... is a regular Chain of posts

less than 25 Peons for above forty miles of

t... - exclusive of a detachment from Madura

... Capa ... on the Nabobs boundary -

Very truly yours -

(Signed) T.B. Hurd...

I have sent for one of my boys to lay off a

the N.W part of the district for you - it will be

guide -

My Dear Sir 21 25

I arrived here this morning. The [illegible] was so obliging to bespeak the Robertson, returned to let me have a [illegible], or Mr [illegible]-son, to carry a letter to [illegible]. I should to give not only the stipulated hire, but also a present. You know to what amount his civility to the [illegible]. His civility to me is to be set down. —

I sent a letter by a little boy, hired at the inn, to [illegible] Capt [illegible] in consequence of his infor-

motives given me by you, of
Lutkins March & his abettors
being at Pallapalley, I
should form the Detachmt
at the Pendals, to which pla
I beg you will order the
hircarrahs, for I expect to
get little intelligence from
any of the Circars. Poligar's
people, about the road, expe-
ditious to be had before,
~~[illegible]~~ upon which my
motions must in a great
measure depend — As
almost every place in this
region has its namesake
it will remove ambiguity
by

if they can be discriminated
from one another. I beg
you will direct all my
letters to be sent to Captn
Trotter who will pay
their Postage-Money, and
instructions about my
Daily bread, two loaves,
or a Double one, by
which you will much
oblige, My dear Sir

Yrs truly

11th March J Stirling

Camp near Vrapaulty

Mr Francis (copied)
From Major Lindsay
Recd - 12
Answered do —

To T. B. Harris Esqr

28 9th March, 1749

29

My Dear Sir

I By an Express received last night Col. Brown has made a new arrangement, in which the Detachment of the [illegible] & [illegible] to be left at the three Stations of R.J. & [illegible] is particularly specified [illegible] expressly details the the strength of the Field Detach[ment] [illegible] the Garrison [illegible] Waltham [illegible] chance of seeing you af- [ter b]reakfast, but give you [a s]ketch of the arrangement

Yrs truly

[signature]

4 March 1797

My Dearn Sir

War is declared – but I have not mentioned it to any body knowing it before this – I have to beg the favor of you not to do it until our detachment is on foot and in –

I have to beg the favor of you to grant a very sufficient guard to the treasure from Pylney that we may at least ensure victuals and drink for the next month –

Be so good to let me know the quantity of Bread you would wish should come to you that I may give directions in case you should have left none –

The Tappal not yet in – should there be any news you shall have

hear it from Muy. Dear Sir

Major Lindsay &c &c &c

Yours very truly
(signed) W B Harris

Quote from Robertson
just received tells me he apprehends your
intention is to assemble your detachment
at the Pandals — this my good Sir
I hope is not the case as it would serve
no good course whatever — unless move
by six or eight miles to the northward

Recommended from Kennor
by Cotumpwanoy to Callumunay of
Veerapatchee and this because from
a ~~they~~ thorough knowledge of the
whole country I know a movement
in that direction will be of most use
the Pandals are too much in the
rear being more South than even
Ryliney — forage is plenty every where —

The

25 8

The Village of Woriaputty
is about five miles ~~W~~ of the P. [illegible]
inclining to the W — when we
were against Timber Gouri we
zed some time there and also suppre
from Tyrgoody —

Messrs Lawsons — Edward W B[illegible] —

I send you the + an paper

(Copied)

To Major Anderson

Dated 1st Mar 1777

28 32

[illegible] .... [illegible]

Your favour, of
[illegible] first two Leaves are just
received & approve am[illegible] [illegible]
I have [illegible] Capt. Simmons
[illegible] or 2 Hav. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of 24 [illegible]
[illegible] afterwards ——

[illegible] me [illegible] Capt.
[illegible] [illegible] that if any
Simmons [illegible] risk is apprehend-
[illegible] Delay [illegible] the Dispatch of
[illegible] Money [illegible] [illegible] more
[illegible] [illegible] &c.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

27 13

My Dear Sir —

I have just got your favor
of the 11 — mine of yesterdays date will
give you my opinion of the place for
forming the detachment — at the
Pandals or any place within the
Kerapatchee Pollam so distant from
our borders you will find great diffi-
culty in getting supplies nor will any
order of mine induce the Polygar to
make himself more accomodating —
whilst the means of enforcing the order
are wanting —

I will order the Pylney
Tahsildar to send you the Peons to the
Pandals — who will well do to keep
up a communication with Pylney, your
[illegible]attah & [illegible] — The Tahsildars

are

are ordered to give you every intelligence they may have but I would recommend you not to trust the Peons in that capacity but rather to employ your own People to check what you may hear from others —

I am very anxious for the safe arrival of the Kist Money from Pylney — and the more so since you have altered your intention of calling the troops from Pylney to form at the Bandals —

I have however to request that a Strong Guard may be sent to — and remain at Pylney until it be ready to be sent on which must be in the course of three days they will not be detained one moment here but shall join you wherever you may be

Ambiguity in names of places will easily be removed by enquiring

to

35

28

to what Pelcam or Talook the Village belongs —

I have directed the Pylney Tehsildar to endeavour to prevail on some dukandars to be with your detachment to ensure if possible regular supplies for their People. I have to beg your attention & protection —

Luckai naigue by this days Report is near Arwarcourchee — Pillaspulty is about two Gurries only from it — and I don't understand that he has left that place —

I am my dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Signed) J B Harris
12 march
1799
Cumagal

Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

To Major Lindsay

dated 12th Novemr

1779

(Copied)

Camp near the Pindals 12th March
5 P.M. 1800

My Dear Sir,

In consequence of the information given me in the back of Col. B's letter of the re-appearance of L. Atchia at Pullapetty, I was apprehensive for the safety of that place, & that I might be immediately in a condition to march, if called on, to protect it, desired Captn Lemons to send the greater part of his Detacht to meet me this morning at the Pindals — The Party arrived before the receipt of your letter of yesterday, & I was unwilling to march them back same day —

There is no road from this to Boorianpetty by which even a loaded bullock can go; the path being so narrowed by bushes and broken by ravines — As all apprehension for Y. is done away by your letter of the 11th, I shall proceed to-morrow

P.S. Pray send enclosed to Capt. [illegible] when you have perused it

to Oglany, & the day after to Kavinany to there the Detacht., & must serve with confidence all this well attended - to tend to prepare into obedience those who are disposed to be otherwise; so much the better — the company will be the third stage as far as I now judge — should a visit from this forenoon Capt. M. Somers — the Detach for a brigade of guns is intended, I imagine, for this Detacht. of 2 Trav. Cos. are sent, & take the Net. duty, & enable that detail, or its equivalent from the Dindigul Garrison, to join it will be well — I thank you for the papers, & its return, and your write them. L. Col. Cameron's letter to me, which, having neither lisaire

an assistance to carry will inform you

for the improvement of your knowledge

bearing regimental particulars — the

this letter ~~tells~~ me that the C.O.

of the 19th Regt a man still at

Negapatnam — If you will allow

a Double Dawk to be duly sent, &

twice a week two of them by your

expert people, I will answer

for them there, I may undertake

I. yourself the better for fatigue

As all my movements would

be disclosed by enquiries among the

villagers & I should moreover be

exposed to deception & all its fatal

consequences, I intend to carry high

wages for hircarrahs that know

the country & carry your assistance

in this material point — The

taken from you. tells me that the place
might, at a trifling expence, be render
much stronger, but that your Ambi-
tor discourages every alteration that
would render it less difficult for an
enemy — Does he not deserve your ~~...~~
is nothing — hoping what I ask to impute to
your worth effect?

Of the complaisance of your Obliged
Chieftains & the truth of some remark re-
specting them, I have had experi-
mental proof in being refused as to the
or other Person who should have been
rewarded beyond our expectations,
to carry a Letter — The conjuncture
requires they should be coaxed, or —

If you havn't the
Declaration, oblige me with a sight
of it — If not, I inclose a copy I am.
shall send it you. Compts. to all the
wenches. Yrs very truly &c

Recd. Septr. 13 ...

31

My Dear Sir—

I have your fav... of the ...

I am sorry the Jungle has grown so much lately between Bowripatty & the Panch... of I do not know the Country very well myself & I might believe the Report—but I assure you whoever reported to you either knew nothing of the matter or paid no atten... to truth—

I wish the Travancorians could join—it would be a noble addition—

I can give you no assistance in Vincorah not having one attached to me—and from a knowledge of the Country people I know not one whom I can trust—

The Sub... does not speak the truth respecting the person he calls amuldar of Yerecotta who so far from discourag... ... refuses

repairs urge thou much — & it is by express order from me that none are made — and this because the Board will not allow one each to be expended without their Sanction —

None of my people can expend one Cash without my orders so that the Goth Molly — must ascend to me & thence upwards —

We have nothing but insolence to look to from the Peligars at present but I hope a very short time will get them drubbed into order —

I have not got the declaration should it come I will send it —

The Pyney Tahsildar will have told you the Darapoor trick should you be able I hope those fellows will get a licking from you —

The Tappal not yet in

Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

Yours very truly
(Signed) J. W. B. Durnin

42

Camp near Nagavara, 13th March, 1799
11 A.M. —

My Dear Sir, 32

When I had yesterday the pleasure of writing you, I intended going on to Peplury, but hearing on the march of the people who were carrying money from Nellamapollam being waylaid & plundered, I was induced to change my route, & come hither — To-days has been a long march, & the Detacht. provided for their protection has ~~[illegible]~~ passed 5 considerable villages not laid down in my Sketch — At Cumainpully I turned off from the Peplury road, & marched after-wards almost due north — The villagers, who were not apprized of any such force being near, crowded the road side to look on, & seemed not displeased at the spectacle — There is no rice — I intended going on to Pan-tore, the scene of the robbery, but I have certain information that the hamlet is inconsiderable & has nothing for the troops or part of the Detacht. — Pantore, I am told, is only 5

5 garrison off. I shall move to-morrow to Kher-
sar, where I expect to be joined by
Capt. Simmons, who, after allotting a Su-
badar, 2 Havrs, 2 Lt., & 24 Sepoys, for
the money escort, will proceed with
the remainder, excepting the sick unable
to march, & who must therefore be left
at Pylung, to join me.

The jungle between the hills of Man-
karai & the corresponding ridge, is passable
only by Deers, who bound like deer. The
Subadar, who took the best possible
near route from Jorr. to Pylung, was obliged
to march his men the greater part
of the road by the Indian file. The
vegetation is so strong that the roads
cut by the battn formerly employed
in this district, & which remained encamp-
near a month at Boorianspatty, are
now overgrown, & not a vestige left, the

could be train'd even by Sepoys, who belonged to the corps, & assisted in the cutting — At the last siege of Pondicherry, a [sufficient] [illegible] top- was found to occupy the place of one of our batteries in the siege of 78 —

Believe me, My Dear Sir, that my anxiety for the preservation of the peace of the District is equal to your own, but since war is carried on, it is to be apprehended that mischief will be made, were there even 2 [illegible] in the district.

I wrote this under the shade of a [illegible] the tents are not yet come up.

Yours, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

[illegible]

T. B. Winder Esqr

Durnford

(Copie)

Maya Land

12th March

My Dear Sir

34.

45

I have your favor of the 11th —

the direction you moved in was chiefly thro'

the Ryagooly Pettam — you will find the

places in the Sketch I gave you the

principal — Comiumpatty belongs to

Ryagooly — you will get no rice in the

dry Grain Villages — but you will find

I have desired Sukaums may be sent if

possible to be got — Baruwar pettah xy.

no rice —

you must excuse me if

not Credit the Subedar — I know all

the Roads myself and it is not six months

since I was in some of them — the

is this — he I apprehend has been decoy'd

— as I have frequently myself by the

Polygars people — who make the way

difficult and long purposely to prevent

knowledge of the country being obtained
I have three times led a journey of
Seven Miles which they do in Six—the
first time I was ignorant the bolt
I went it purposely to punish the
Scoundrels who misled me—

The Road from Yercottah
to Pitney is a good bandy Road Major
Haliburton once travelled it in a bandy
there was no Road made by the
Battalion at Bereapettah—nor any
in the district but the high Road
thro' Perapotthu & Pitney to Pelghaut
by annually—

I would recommend your
not giving Credit to the Sepoys who
have told you they assisted at the
Cutting—I went from the Paroals
to

47

the Bonany pretty with the detachment was with it whilst there about seven days that I went into Pyhney and there was no cutting of Jungle Capt Simons also can tell you as much

The banditti who plundered wounded and carried away one of the Gomastahs & Peon of Nalumpolam certainly acted murder — the Sevans will — I depend the Tahsildar to demand them of him should he not give them us we must try other means to get them —

Yours very truly

(Signed) W B Simons

14th March 18[illegible]

Copied

To Major Andre

dated 14 March 1779

My Dear Sir, Your favour of yesterday is just received.

The news of a peace come to the Carnatic distresses me, I trust not true, as Tippoo, by his late defeat, will have more occasion than ever for all his troops. To withstand such an alliance as that which assails him on all sides would require something more than even the political & military talents of his father Hyder—

Your Agency Tahsildar is so extremely solicitous about the banditti that have lately visited Darapuram, & you wished, nor I am induced to postpone any

order

westward range to Mambarcan for some days, & march tomorrow to Pulliecot, to try if tis practicable to get hold of e Mootoo Theruyar or any of his banditti — I do this the more readily because I have not heard of any Danger apprehended to the East —

A nadar & 50 horse deserted from Tippoo, & came over to the Gr Army — The ½ Bt of the 19th Rt left Negapatam on the 10th — The Mogul Horse remain with O Reilly It is feared that it will be the 20th ere Col. B. moves

Our Weather is intense

-ly

by post — I am glad to hear of the safe receipt of the cash —

I return the Madras & keep the Bombay Courier till to morrow.

I am,

My dear Sir,

Yours truly,

A. [illegible]

Camp near Keerenoor,
16th March,
1799.

At 5 P.M.

(Copied)
Major Lindsay
16th March

T. B. Harris Esq

Dindigul

My Dear Sir — your favor of 1st I got at midnight — I did not examine the Sketch with the original — but as I told you before there are none but principal Villages put down — many of the hamlets you will find larger than the Villages on which they depend — if you will Return the Sketch I'll examine it with the original and if wrong Correct & Return it —

unless alarms call you towards Yenecotta I would wish you to Remain on the Ashley frontier — as the Tahsecladan writes from Yenecotta that there is no alarm at present on that side —

When Colonel Brown['s] detachment marches I think all

all will be easy — I shall most probably join him or you — at present I am tied down —

A letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar coast with particulars of the battle of the 6th to Lord Mornington was sent open for Col. Browns inspection and mine — the whole loss is under 60 in killed & wounded on our side — and the Coorga & resident Reports Tipp. to be severely beaten —

I hope you have the Batteries with you — Vernpatchee you must depend on for nothing — I have got one of his emissaries to Goze boun the march of the Battalion to the Poinatails prevented his intentions — but he is determinedly resolved in favor of the

the Sultans views — he guarded the for
against him for he is a very wretch
indeed —

Not a line of news.
Very truly yours.
(Signed) W B Innes.
17 March.

The joined at Constantinople 12 —

I send you Copy of the Consul
Residents letter — which shows and your
self having perused be so good to return
the —

(Copied)

To Mungo Park Esq

Dated 17 March 1797

(Copied) Camp near Palicaut, 16th March [1]

My Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 15th is this instant received 2 P.M., & I thank you for the transcript of mine, which I return —

Since being on the borders I hear a great variety of rumours, & really pity the harmless ryots, who are so much exposed to loss of property & life, by a banditti, who may have perpetrated the mischief of yours, even before I hear of their movements —

The far greater part of Tippoo's villages are defenceless, & of his little forts, not excepting Daraporam, if any intelligence [had], the defendants are ready to run off on the approach of the Detachmt; but it would be barbarous to plunder the former or alarm their inhabitants, & ...

it would be useless to take possession
of the latter, as I have no Force to
leave garrisons in them, & the De-
pendants would immediately return
or employ themselves in burning &
laying waste the country — On the
fall of Carrs, it is probable that all
the little places will apply for cow[illegible]
I am glad to hear that there is no [illegible]
[illegible] to the Eastward, & shall continue
sometime longer in this quarter — To-
morrow I intend marching to Sampd[illegible]
[illegible] — Your Rajah — Tepsildar thinks the
21st will be a dangerous day to the
& the worshippers, but I hope to be
able to quiet their fears by being near
them — & [illegible] the Rajah's Dewan are said
to have gone northward — [illegible] The want [illegible]
& fugitives from the [illegible] territory seems
active to engage [illegible] events. I am
My dear Sir, Yours truly [illegible]

10 P.M. 19 41

My Dear Sir—

I had just received your obliging Chit—for the Contents of which and promptness accept my best Thanks—when I got a letter from Yorcotta intimating that the assembly broke up from a quarrel among themselves—Gettal Cawn who was yesterday sent off for [illegible] you met the Verhottee Peons on their return—the Presents & four horses were with them—

I have now to hope this will prevent your going on to Yorcotta as the danger there threatens me there is certainly great room for apprehension at Oplury—to which place or near it my wishes now are for your return that the anxiety [illegible]
[illegible]

I have said in Mr Ostro Shiroga —

— I have hopes — et semel exceptum —

but I say no more

Cairotan — Condonaceung — &

Commaucle Gonn will certainly exhibit

at Pittsburgh — but when we cannot

say —

as you will have stopped your

bread I send you some biscuits there

is not a loaf to be got

Very truly yours

Signed W. Murray

19th [illegible] P.M.

My Dear Sir

I wrote you by express yesterday which I earnestly hope may have reached you to alter your moving so far to the west as Irampolam — I apprehend the fears of the Gumatch there may have to be [illegible] at stronger than [illegible] — [illegible] if [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] will be the cause of much loss to us — the detachment being [illegible] to Yercotta [illegible] could at least check attempts in either — and had the [illegible] been more to the north it would have saved much [illegible]

The Cawn people have been joined by Kaupatchies [illegible] to the number of four hundred — and a letter last night from Yercottas informs the assembly was increasing —

The

The attack had better be on Pysney if the two Talooks of Yercotta & Pysney can not be defended – as the Peons are more numerous there than at Yercotta – and if Yercotta be successfully attacked it will be very unpleasant –

It would [illegible] avail nothing to attack any frontier of Tippo's districts but to give the [illegible] of [illegible]-ful Revenge to the execrable banditti – we shall I hope get of them [illegible] their own desire in a few days –

The Indian System of plunder is diabolical and tho' Mr. Tippo does it on us I hope none of our people will be so inhuman as to retaliate –

I am under great anxiety for Yercotta and hope your movement will

will be North Coast bey N. A, leave both
A and Mamboma if possible

for your own sake place no
trust in any of the Veropatcha people

Yours very truly

(Signed) W. B. Harris

[Copied]

To Major Cardra

2[illegible] March 1777

44 62

My dear Sir;

— The instant I received your letter I sent the general, instead of [illegible], came hither on my march to [illegible] —

From the considerable distance between [illegible] & [illegible], & the extent of ground belonging to [illegible], at whose village I cannot be subsisted, I perceive it would be impossible to protect both places effectually, because every step taken to relieve one leaves the other more distant & exposed. — The banditti have so many friends, & such a perfect knowledge of the country, & of the detachments' movements, that coming up with them is hopeless. More troops are indispensably necessary for the security of this country against [illegible] enemies.

I indulged the hope that the detachment
under Captn O'Rielly & the Mogul there
would have overawed all the disaffected
in the Paulcamputty quarter, but you I now doubt
if the marching of the Fencible detachment
effect it.

To men of desperate fortunes, & outlaws
like Leakia Naick, Mootoo Chinnagun, & others
nothing but the want of means to be
mischievous can keep them quiet —

I intend marching to-morrow to Tado-
putty, where I shall be sufficiently near
to secure Yerrimottah, but two marches
off from Pyling, as my tents & provision am-
munition, required to be carried with
me for future use, & not to be thrown
away —

I left Cowdran Ethalkingapa near
near Columbum, but your

certainty nothing to fear against the open attack of his — He may indeed disperse his people, & set fire to every village in that quarter, without the incendaries been seen even —

From what I have seen of the country, & been told of Seeren Cautchy's treachery, the recovery of the District from plunderers by any efforts of a small Detacht is an event rather to be desired than expected —

The country in this region is excessively parched, & the weather very hot.

I am My Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Camp in Mohilputty — A Lindsay

19th March, 1799

4 P.M.

To T. B. Hurdis Esq.

Dumfries

(Copied)
Ansd. Dec
14th March

86 6.15

My dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours via Gov. & by the Express. The intelligence I received here from various quarters induced me to halt.

Lankin March, with 20 followers, was last night at Barsso-vans, where he met with no encouragement — I suspect he is gone westward to join his associates, & frighten his worshippers—

If nothing prevents I intend moving tomorrow morning [illegible]

& [illegible] Stirtevants for Pytney [illegible]

I shall every thing in my power to keep all quiet.

Not a man of the many who have come to me knew of the Bri[illegible] having returned — they had seen them at different places & times, &c. as your Exc. says [illegible] asserts, said they had joined [illegible] with his self to the Nabob & his [illegible]

Yrs very truly,

A. Lindsay

Camp near Metapatty

20th March,

1799

M L P M

My dear Sir

Disagreeable as this Bo-peep sort of business is we must I fear play at a few days longer. The Tahseeldar of Pytney has written so strongly to me that if my letter of last night should not have reached you, with information of the breaking up of the party at Oollapoothy, this I hope will induce you to return to Pytney as soon as possible - and afford such assistance for it as you may think necessary. The Co[illegible]nies have carried off above 200 Head of cattle from Cottalgram & near it.

Your very truly
(signed) T.B. Hud[illegible]

20. 2 P M

48 69

Dear Hurdis

When I Received your Note of the 16 where you desire me to Give the Hircarrahs 2 Rupees each & Dispatch them I concluded you had Received the Packets as by my Calculation of the Efforts I made to Hurrying them on you ought to have had them about 9 or ten in the Morning, I accordingly Dispatched them Both With a line from Myself to the Major, On the Receipt of yours of the 17 had the Man not been off I should Certainly have Given the ten Rupees as you desired, but I do not Myself think he deserved it As He was in no Danger & had no trouble for he was Escorted by ten Peons belonging to a Polygar Who is tributary to, I believe both us & Tippoo they brought to the Ford near Cumbum the 15th at Night & He ought to have been in at Pylney the next Morning but did not Come untill Eight at Night,

Regarding the Man that brought the Majors Letter Returned he says to me there was a Bramin & another man, they were stopped on the Road by Tippoos People near Coimbatoor, & they took the note & ten Rupees in fanams from the Bramin that at the time some of the Goundens in Tippoos Villages came up & told the People who stopped them that they had better let Him Go, & to Give him the Quill or if we Came that way & Caught them we would Hang them up upon Which the People who stopped them Gave the note to the other man who was With the Bramin & desired him to take it & bring Back ten Rupees more & they would Release the Bramin When the Bramin if true Must have ... to Coimbatoor,

been the Cause of some Delay, notwithstanding it came very Quick I Gave the Man ten Rupees to Get the Bramin Enlarged besides some thing for Himself & the Major Gave Him 10 fanams, I should have Given the fellow 20 Rupees but the Bramin, is I know a Great Scoundrel which in some Measure makes me Doubt the story I wrote it to Major Kennedy who most Probably will find out the truth,

You must know that this said Bramin he brought a letter before & Got one of Tippoos Village People to Conduct Him thro the Country & brought Him on to Pylong, & I gave the Villageman a Present of 2 or 3 Rupees he took the fellow, to the Bazar & took it from him & only wanted to Give him 2 or 3 fanams, it came to my knowledge & the Bramin Got frightend & Gave it Back & another Circumstance is very singular that He shoud have ten Rupees by Him for not a Man that Ever came Ever brought a lack before, & I Have always been Obliged to Advance them a few Rupees to Maintain themselves until I sent them away

We are at this Place Which the Major thinks a very Critical Situation Luchia Naig is said to be at Darashpuram but there are so many Reports that it is Difficult to believe any for Every Man has some Secret View in What he says for my Own Part I believe Tippoos People are well Inclined to be Quiet if we do not Disturb them, & am of Opinion Myself if the Deta=chment Was Divided into three Parts each Part would be fully sufficient for the Most Alarming Report I have yet Heard of the Reports says that Virapachey has sent His Peons again but they do not Agree in Numbers, I am Rather Disposed to think that Virapachey has sent His Peons Back to their Resp=ective Villages, a Bramin son of the Man that Was taken to Darashpuram was here this Morning & says he was at Darasho=ram & Saw Luchia Naig & that Hehad only 20 Peons With him

I am Inclined to beleive this to be true, at the same time he may Probably say so to induce the Major to go there in the Hopes of Getting his father Enlarged, for not a Rascal of them speaks without some design or Other,

49

I wish much you Would use your influence to Get the Horse shoe man to Come this Way & Am Dear Hardin

Yours very Truly

J. Simms.

Maty Petty

March 20: 1799

J. B. Hurdis Esqr

Dindygul

(Copied) From
Captn Sim[illegible]
Dated
20th March

50

My Dear Sir

At Pullaputty are about 1200 men & 40 horse who are watching to be upon Mountarno & Yerracotta of these three hundred are from Verupatchee - three hundred belong to Luckia Naig and three hundred to Vella Gour the others are people picked up from the different Villages

They have been prepared to attack these three days but something to prevent them has happened until now the people are in a great alarm which I hope a movement of yours will quiet

5 p Clock P.M.

Yours ever

21st

(Signed) J B Hurdis

Camp near Ryhmy, 21st March, 179[illegible]

Dear Sir,

I arrived here this morning, and will probably remain here, or hereabouts, till the festival be over —

If the banditti find no assistance from Tippoo's people, & Kerspountty's peons, they must soon relapse into their former insignificant state, & the former system, of having [struck-out] guards detached to protect the villages against their mischievous designs, be reverted to —

I conjecture that Lukhair Naick is, like the others, repairing to the

the hills, a fit receptacle for no-
species animals as live by [illegible]ing

I begin to suspect, from a letter
received two days ago from Mr
Hughes; that there will be some
trouble about the full allowance
arrears of the detachment. However
as his letter is not clear to my
understanding, I have requested
him to be more explicit —

The Bramin, who was robbed
& confined, is now here having
recovered both his liberty &c
This retrospective act of Tippoo's
ple bodes well — but it
is intolerably hot.

Yours truly
[illegible]

52

Sir

If you please to send in for me at Dendigul, I have something to inform you.

The Survey is going on well.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

Your most obedient & humble Servant
James Allan

Batlagoonta
28 March
1799

Camp near Pytsburg, 22d March 17[illegible]

My dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday came to hand this morning at 40 min. after 7, when your letters were immediately delivered to the Horseman who chanced to be present at the receipt of the [illegible]

The Horse & Foot are not wanted here, but it would have a good effect, in quieting all alarms of the inhabitants of that quarter, were Col. B. to detach a party of Horse to the neighbourhood of [illegible] river Oaks or Mambarra, where they would be at hand to rejoin when wanted —— Had Col. B. written me on the subject I should advise the measure to be instantly taken —

The detachment is solely useful against an enemy that thinks itself sufficiently strong to encounter it — any other would always keep at a distance, & would, by dispersion or celerity of ~~their~~ its movements & knowledge of the country, elude every attempt to come up with him — The banditti that hover about, continually changing the

lurking places, would be much better guard-ed against by parties judiciously posted, to co-operate with & give confidence to your people, than by a Detachmt., whose every move-ment is watched, & its numbers ascertained—

Were the Tories to enter, the Detachmt could do nothing against such a desultory enemy, than protect what is within its [illegible].

Had not Col. B formed the Detachmt by his express written order, & I therefore think myself not at liberty, unless in extreme ne-cessity, to vary from his order so given, I should send 100 Firelocks to Jersey, & station the rest here, confident that, under present circumstances, the country would be bet-ter protected, & a considerable expence avoided, than by the present arrangement.

I return the News-Paper, & thank you for its perusal.

I am, My Dear Sir, Yours truly,

A Hunter

To T. B. Hurdis, Esqr—

6H

My Dear Sir

I have now received [illegible] forma-
tion of the news I sent you yesterday of the
force if so it may be called at pullaputty
viz 1200 miscreants & 40 horse of which 300
are from Virupatchi 300 with Luckin
naig 300 with Villapoour & the others picked
from Different Villages

this has come by three different
hircarahs exclusive of the Tahsildars infor-
mation -

I hope therefore this may meet you
moving towards yernaetta to give that protection
the country just now so much needs

Very truly yours
(S) Th Munro

22d. October
OR

(Copied)

To Major Lindsay

22d. March 99.

56

My Dear Sir,

I hope the moment you receive this you will not loose a moment in marching for Gooracottah as the information from Goorid Rowe is more alarming than the Hirkarah's and Capt. [illegible] has officially informed me that he can render me no service from hence.

The Cadaweer Poligar has joined the Banditti if you have my letter of the 21st at 5½ P.M. I trust this will meet you towards Gooracottah.

I wrote you at 2 O'Clo[ck]

P. M. this day which gave you
no new information - but the
Cadaucor Poligars junction I knew
not only until now the force is
increased about 300 Peons

Yours very truly

Signed W. Hindes

22d. March

4/2 P.M.

58

My Dear Sir

I have just got your favor of the [illegible] any disposition of the troops that may better the preservation of the country - as commandant of the district you are doubtless at liberty to make if you think not - no time ought to be lost in making a reference and suggesting what you think best -

at any rate I hope you are moving towards Yernacottah for the alarm here is very great - I am persuaded all we have to fear is within - and that the treacherous genius of Verupatchee is intent to give us as much trouble as possible -

So soon as I know you are moving to Yernacottah I shall move to Vadasamudoor with

a

Subidars party and the trained Peons I will thence come on to Yerracotta where we can confer on what should be done if you see no objection I would wish a guard under a steady officer might be left at Pyl

the Detachment moving certainly k[illegible] check on the Poligars - a day or two more harrasing will probably end the business [illegible]d if we preserve the districts until Col: B[illegible] on - there will be nothing to fear

the Equi. will not come until B joins so that there will be plenty of time for you to write the Colonel what you please on the subject -

the watching the movements of the detachment is in favor of prevention of plun

and its not necessary we should come to blows of the enemy in avoiding us plunder not were the looties to enter in a Desultory manner small detachments might beat them up - but if entering in a Body the detachment should go out - if the avoided the detachment and plundered not - which its not likely they would do when [illegible] the end of [illegible] detacht. being in the field is answered -

I am afraid you have not got my letter of 21st at 5 P.M. I have these last two days written in duplicate.

I am My Dear Sir
Very truly yours
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

23d. 1 P.M.
March
Dindigul

(Copied)

To Major Lindsay

23d. March 99.

My Dear Sir,

I was favoured with both your letters, dated ½ past 6 P.M. yesterday, last night, I am thus far on my march to the Eastwd—

100 firelocks at Germantown would have removed all apprehension for its safety.

That the Tories have not begun to burn & destroy must proceed from a want of power, or of inclination, &c, for a want of opportunity it can have proceeded.

Yrs truly
Stirling

Camp near the Gulph
20th Novr 1777

59

My Dear Sir,

Your several letters of the 22d reached me this morning between 12 & one —

I believe that Governor Roue's deputy is alarmed beyond reason, but I am now so near him that his fears must abate —

If you have any Express established between D & Yar-mouth, letters for me would sooner come to hand by this conveyance than by the circuitous one of Sydney, tho' I may be induced by fresh —

alarms in that quarter to
move further —

Yours,

My dear Sir

Yours truly

A. Wellesley

Camp near Vaud[illegible]

24th March

1799

M G H

My Dear Sir

your letter yesterday has relieved me from much anxiety — I wait till I hear where you are to make a dash to you

I send you bread &c which in your march I fear you have wanted

(Signed) very truly yours

W B Harris

Copies)
[illegible]om and to
Major Cowdery
11th March

Z

T. B. Hurdis Esq
Dunbegal

61 96

My dear Sir,

When I arrived this morning at Vaeda-pitty, all was as quiet as if there were no enemy within 100 miles of it, & the inhabitants seemed equally ignorant of what had passed so near them, as of what took place at same at Dindigul — It was noon before I learnt any thing certain — I moved on at ½ past 2, & came here a little before 5 — As more than 15 miles of my route lay thro' Virupaukshy's country, his people would not fail to apprise him of my march.

Of your sepoys, who behaved remarkably well, one was killed, & one is wounded — Captn. Sin. who has seen him, says, the wound is not dangerous —

The occurrences of every day confirm me the more in my opinion of the propriety, under present circumstances, of employing the Detachment in the manner I mentioned in my letter to you of the 22d, & I shall this evening state my opinion to Col. B, whose answer, I wish, may reach me soon.

The people here are taken, & of the band the remainder are since returned —

I am, My dear Sir, Yours truly,

A Lindsay

Camp near Yerrasaul Hat,
24th March,
1796 —

Camp near Ghe. 24th — As Apparently Anxiety to hear of my letters, I have the pleasure to inform that your 26 letters (rolls) were all delivered one to-gether at Brunelle beating — The 2 men sent on waggons are this morning come in — The ~~[illegible]~~ from Oslung, with the bread, is also received — If you think my letter of sufficient importance, an inverse to Patrimiger [illegible] matters

Yrs

D. M.

At 15 after 7 A. M. 185

To T. M. Mendes Esq.

Dunkirk

[illegible]

62 84

My Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 24th and 25th both in one — Vandeputty Pettah belongs to Vaniampatchee it was not likely any of the Rajahs would know what was going on at Agracottah their knowledge would impede their views

I certainly object to the division of the Detachment into separate guards until the Southern Detachment move when I think the remaining posts into Tippoos Country may be of much use —

I could wish for full communication with you on the subject as my opinion might differ on some points with yours — and I think it best to discuss matters previous to arrangement than to have them to undo — after being in part settled

The placing any number of Sepoys in Agracottah without one European officer

officer would have in my opinion no more
effect than so many pegs being there - in
case of attack they would keep up (as the
Subadar at Vellatota did what he called)
a terrible fire - and by wasting their powder
be obliged probably to give the place up
for want of the means of defending it -

I am not satisfied with
what the Peons did - as they have thrown away
a great Quantity of ammunition without
doing any proportionate execution -

There is no likelihood of any
report for your People until Colo. Browns
Detachment moves - that going forward will
make up easier here -

Not a word of News -

Major Lindsay
&c &c -

very truly yours
(Signed) W B Purvis
26 March
1799 -

P. S.

as I understand the party is
not

not dispersed I think it wou'd be proper
to give the miscreants an alert and make
them scamper ——

(Signed) Wm Jones

(Copied)

To Maj.r Lindsay

Dated 26.th March 1794

[illegible], 26th March, 177[illegible]
half past 6 A.M.

My Dear Sir

Your favour of yesterday, written at 10 A.M., was received at sun set, & I hope that my letter of same day would reach you at 2 or 3 P.M. — it was accompanied with a letter to Col. Brown expressive of my sentiments relative to the best mode of protecting the country & quieting the minds of the inhabitants.

That [illegible] servants have hitherto abstained from plundering & [illegible] is a mystery to me.

The inhabitants of this quarter have all returned to their houses, but if left without troops a second time, they will not be [illegible], [illegible].

Nothing certain has yet reached about [illegible] March.

It is somewhat strange that no accounts are lately received from the Grand Army, which, by time, should be at [illegible]. The [illegible], with his 2 troops, would not be ready to march with [illegible] Det. if it moves as today, but is to follow. I am, My Dear Sir, Yours sincerely

[illegible]

T. B. Hunter Esq

Donegal

(Copied)
Major Lindsay
26th Regiment

65

My Dear Sir,

The quill covering a roll for Col. Brooks was this instant received, & I hasten to forward it to you —

The servant who brought it ~~to~~ Sydney remains there for your instructions — It was sent me by two the Justice's Sons.

Nothing new here —

I am, My Dear Sir,

Yrs truly

Stirling

Hd Qrs.
6th March,
17[illegible]
½ past 3 P.M.

66 83

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is just received —

Vandeputty is under your collection, & does not belong to Verapoutchy.

Nothing certain is known of the late confederated banditti than that their bands have separated, & gone off — Lechmia Naick is continually changing his lurking place, & will never approach, or suffer himself to be approached by this Detachment, which is uselessly employed against so despicable a fugitive.

You do not inform me if my letter to Col. Brown was received — If not sent off, I beg you will oblige me by sending it to Captn Porter —

When I mentioned the stationing of Sepoys in Yerracottah, I thought the

the inference ~~[illegible]~~ your
Peons now there could be withdrawn
& Battalions elsewhere —

I would not wish to depreciate
any class of men, but your opinion
that Sepoys posted in [illegible]
with only Native Officers, would
have no more effect than your Peons
is a doctrine to which I cannot sub-
scribe —

The inhabitants in this quarter
are so frightened that the greater
part of them, I believe & have been
so told by themselves, will remove
if left without Sepoys to guard them.
The rumours that circulate among
them, originating from fancy or
fear, are numerous & discordant.

Yesterday a letter was received

by

here for Col. B, which I immediately dispatched to you. The servant who brought it to Pittsburg waits there for an answer —

We have both the same object in view, but, it would now seem, differ in our opinion regarding the best means for its attainment.

I am,

My dear Sir,

Yours,

J. Stans

Camp near Juniata,

27th March,

1749

(Copied)
from Mr. Fenger London
27th March

T. B. Hurdis Esq
Dindigul

68 27 March 11 PM — 97

My Dear Sir —

I have received your letter of this date — Coll Browns letter you sent the Moment it was received to the Tappal —

Your opinion in military matters is much beyond any thing I can give no opinion further than I have seen — then I argue whether you submit or not — I still hold that it would be highly improper to leave any part of your detachment in Apercotta with native officers only

I shall not be sorry many of the inhabitants leave your cotta. I mean of those who formed

the views of the Banerttes

The letter for Col. Brown
was received yesterday and went by the
Tappal to day — I enclose you a pper
which I'll thank you to return
by the Peon —

I have just got inform
ation by way of Ranghevy that
Tippoos Sudar — the Arabala as
he is called is gone to Chinlaun
on the Pyfney frontier and that
thence in conjunction with Naugen
Naugen a Palegar influenced by
Venapatakee & the Mangalum
Palegar son in law of Vurapata
together with the Rabble
dy at Colingarwadoy intend to

attack Pylney and the western Villages
whilst Verapatchee is to do the same
on the Villages near his own frontier -
- all this is probable - and should the
Tahsildar give you intimation of it
- I have to beg your best Services for
Relief -

Luckee naique and the
Nabob have quarrelled in consequence
of the failure of this attack on
Yerecottah - the naique is gone to
Kongyem -

Very truly yours
(signed) W B Harris

Major Anderson
&c &c

Vauntee [illegible] pully is an hamlet
of Keernoor of Verapatchee - about 10 or
12 miles from Yerecotta there is a village
named Javandepully belonging to Yere
-cottah about 7 or 8 miles from it.

(Signed) W B Harris

(Copied)

To Mayor Sanderson

Letter 7th March

— 1774 —

10

My Dear Sir,

I am glad to learn that the quill, conveying a letter for Col. B, has been safely received —

I have strong reasons to suspect that your informants, like most Asiatics, deal largely in the hyperbole, and that in their report of numbers on late occasions, a cipher might be taken from the right of each reported number to bring it near the truth —

Your kind information of our cloth must have been given by a very intelligent hircarrah, who deserves a reward, whether he be Hindoo or Mahommedan — The Hircarrah who assured that Luckier Srmh

L

a fugitive in the jungle with a few followers, might be successfully followed & overtaken by this Detacht. ~~are~~ also ~~[illegible]~~ of good intentions, & no inconsiderable military ardour —

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours truly,

A. Huntley

Camp near Yerriacottah,
28th March,
1799.
At ½ past 9 A.M.

71

T. B. Hurdis Esq

Dindigul

Cautley
Major Lindsay
March 29th

My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday dated 11 P.M., with the one for Major Rommey, is just now received ½ past 10 A.M.

The Major's letter I am this instant send off to your Tapsildar at Pylmy, to be by him deliver'd to the Ne[illegible] [illegible] as he came from Paulaghatcherry — whilst I write this they are going away —

I shall do every thing in my power to preserve the peace, tho' I think myself at present confined by Col. B's orders, to a line of conduct not the best suited to pre-

nominative emergencies of means.
I have stated the matter fully
him in my letter of the 24th Aug
his answer will be received to
day, or to-morrow, if not it will
enable me to advance the matter
I may deem most expedient —
Your deputy, where I shall
is well laid down, & pretty, on the
stilets with which you obliged
me — It is under Genl's ...
& distant from it five (5) ma
labor miles. Contigious is ...
it — The village is considerable
compared with the villages of
the North —
I have not acquired any in-
formation of an apprehended ...

attack from Your Aylung Topshee
[illegible] and 600, with [illegible] [illegible]-ple-
d in the usual manner into
five hundred of banditti; were
in Upper Coimbatore, when I
was at Tallygot —

The Ban in case of Rana
punishing is said to have been
very averse from his father's
measures & to have strongly
dissuaded him from them.

The Tappoo's ryots are ready
to take Care, & I trust the fear
of this war will give them the
masters they wish for —

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours truly
J. Lindsay

Camp near Coi.
28 Octobr

T. B. Hinds Esqr

Dandridge

(Copied)

74

My Dear Sir

I have just learned from Mr Scott that there came a letter by yesterdays Tappal from Colo. Brown for you — Captn [illegible] having charge with Dispatches either sent it here to be forwarded or forward[ed] himself

The detachment being in the field prevented Lieut. [illegible] Naughtons second attack on [illegible] there its end was answered and hence it was not usefully employed — I shall certainly object to a Levision of it until the Southern detachment under Colo Brown moves — from a firm conviction the either party would be too small a num-ber to afford confidence to the Ryots or protection to the Country the chief object of Lukier [illegible] and the Sultans.

party

party is to Reinstate the dispossessed Ryots the Ryots of the aforesaid Pettaws made fear for their property side with them & thence presume it-destroying Villages or plundering would at present be the worst conduct the adherents of Nair could pursue inasmuch as would cause those Ryots who are now apparently, perhaps in reality, siding with him to quit, or act against his party

I hope very soon to see you -

Yours very truly

Major Lindsay (Signed) W. B. Munro

&c &c

28 March

1799

(Copied)

To

Major Lindsay

Dated 28th March

1799

Camp near ~~Maunt~~ 29th Octr
Mauntumpetty 1791

My Dear Sir, 16

15

Your favour of 27th Day reached me last night.

I have received a letter from Col. Brown but have not yet got his answer to mine. To-day I expect to receive his commands on the subject referred to his decision. He informs me that the Detachment was to march on this Day — You have heard the issue of the business about the auxiliary horse of Foot, & I need not therefore mention it.

I have received a letter from your Deputy Yesterday, informing me that the Banditti were beginning to assemble near Dana-pore & other places not distant, I shall therefore probably move westward to be near enough to attend him at distance if wanted.

It is the weak state of Stations that

~~[illegible]~~

tempts the banditti to attack ~~them~~ — Had there been 50 sepoys ~~to~~ at Jerrsacottah no attempt on ~~this~~ would have been made —

The person titled the Dhanghue Nabob is moving about ~~those~~ the villages in Tippoo's country not far from the frontier. His range will soon be lessened by the approach of the British ~~Detacht~~ to Caroor.

If not called away by advices from Pylney, this quarter may be protected till the vicinity of the British Det. remove every apprehension —

The bazar men who accompanied the Detacht to Pylney left it there, & are now have to depend on the precarious supply which the halting place chances to afford. I am, my Dear Sir, Yrs truly

A Lindsay

77 M

I do hereby Certify

That Mongan Ram Khistria, of Jamia-cottch, has, at my requisition furnished, & Drawn [illegible] the Bullocks, to enable me to carry on the Public Service, in Escorting a Brigade of Field Artillery to Major Lindsay agreeable to the requisition [illegible] of the Brigadier [illegible] furnished by Mr Hughes — I am have been

away from the Yoke in

night, and escaped,

and others, are entirely

unfit for the Public Service

R. Abbot

Lieut Comdg a Detach

Janiaretta

7th May 1812

78

My Dear Sir,

By Col. B's letter I learn that [illegible] was to be summoned on the 5th, & that 2 more Co[s] of Travincorians are ordered to Dindigul.

I have the pleasure to send for your perusal a letter, or rather the copy of a letter, containing an account of the capture of Sholaghurry, whose Com[mandant] proved himself to be a brave & faithful man. When read, please to send it to Captn Trotter, as I am desired to shew the letter to Captn Gillium, & Captn T will enclose & transmit it to him.

Our weather is intolerably hot. Both man & beast must suffer, in this adust region, from the extreme heat, & the scarcity & badness of the water. Since leaving Puradputty till my arrival here I have tasted none good, & fluxes began to make their appearance amongst us.

By a letter from Madras I am informed that the Govr Genl was at Sultanpett on the 24th, & then all was well.

I am, My Dear Sir,
Yrs truly
A. Lindsay

Camp near Coliacoorsee, 7th April, 1799

T. B. Hurdis Esq

Dindigul

7th April
To be entered in
the Miscellany
Copied

This was meant to be sent off
in the morning but the [illegible]
disappeared for a while
Noon 7th April

79

My Dear Sir,

I am this moment favor-
'd with your letter subjoined to the copy
of Ct. B's to You.

I cannot see the propriety of com-
mencing a predatory warfare; & I
have carefully avoided it tho' much
in my power — Otherwise I could
have taken quiet possession of what
at Tellycot on the 8th ultimo,
but adverting to circumstances, re-
frained from that & every thing
act of seizure of other places or pro-
perty — Indeed the territory to be
secured is already two centuries
for all Your Pens & this Detach-

The business on which I am as-
fore

present employed is well disposed
by your Peons, as long as they are
within the D's territory or only re-
claiming what the Banditti have
carried off from it, shall receive
every protection in my power
to afford. In acts of plunder I
shall not countenance them.

Be assured, my dear Sir, of my
heartiest concurrence with you in
every matter in which I think the
public good can be promoted, be-
ing, my dear Sir,

Yours truly,

J. Stuart

Camp near Coleroon,
27th April 1799.
At 4 P.M.

Copied —

From Major Lindsay

7th April 1792 —

Received 8 [?] 1792

Thos. Newton Esqr.

Collector

Norfk. Dist. [?]

81

Dear Hardis

This miserable Sultan has no Rice in the Bazaar nor hardly any thing, as am told by the Europeans who are in want of every thing [illegible] your remove this evil speedily

Yours truly

Malc. Macgregor

25th Apr 99

The [illegible] – [illegible] – [illegible]

82

From Mr Macgregor
Dated and received 27
April 1749 —
Copied

Mr Harden
for

63

20 Apr
24

VWK

Dear Kinder

If the dragoon has been complaining that any thing was due to him before this day he has been imposing upon your [illegible], he was authorised yet to have rec'd on the 25 Inst 6 Days Pay in advance, at any rate there has been room for ~~[illegible]~~ complaint — he should have made it known to me —

Yours

J. A. MacGregor

Copied —

From Captn Macgregor

Letter } 30 April 17[illegible]
Recd }

Mr [illegible]

My Dear Sir

The Tehsildar of Dara [illegible] Complains his [illegible] your [illegible] that from the [illegible] appears [illegible] the Remittances and some of the [illegible] allow to prevent these the [illegible] they [illegible] Coming forward in defiance of order I shall be obliged by any assistance you can give him to correct this evil which if not effectively Checked may produce very ill consequences

Very truly Yours

Signed) W B Munro

30 April 1799

[illegible]

Copied

To Morgan Lindsay

Dated 30 April 1746

87

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that Col. Floyd & Stuart joined Genl Sumner on the 14th ult without the loss of a man and very little baggage tho' Cummins and Dean hovered about them the whole march. The 16th Col. Floyd went out on a foraging party and Col. Stuart was ordered to cross the causeway and take post on the North of the Ash. [illegible] Sergt Pattison was on, to take at the 21st. by the same interval, and by both were keeping that enemy on both sides the island.

There is news from Europe [illegible] in November — universally unfavorable to the Republicans — but the [illegible] letters of the [illegible], [illegible]

Days to see ~~us~~ a [illegible] the

19th [illegible] commencing; there was

a picture on [illegible] on the 20th in

which he [illegible] [illegible] week

commencing the [illegible] in a

supplement in the evening of the

Day — Alas! The [illegible] was

published so that the [illegible]

& supplement may not be

seen this week. Memoirs of

own — [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]

found by [illegible] evidence: two

brothers in [illegible] worth — the

note I have heard

Mr Waddell [illegible] with

[illegible] is to be here in

a few days.

88 118

We have not troops to spare to send into the Cumberland, in consequence of which Colonel [illegible] with some troops have returned from Duncan[illegible] rather to strengthen the [illegible] of the enemy had retired. 'Tis a pity that either you or one of the [illegible] had not 500 men to[illegible]

Independence[illegible] see between [illegible] & [illegible] are [illegible] & [illegible], and ready to [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] either with [illegible] or [illegible], with [illegible] [illegible].

I am, my dear sir,
very truly yours
[illegible] Romney

[illegible]: 3. [illegible]

Jasper Ewing
3rd June
Received 10 May 17[illegible]

To be entered
in the Miscell.
Book.

My Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 3d. ultimo did not reach me till last night, and I trust you do me the justice to think that your Amuldar has received every assistance which, in my opinion, could in any manner tend to facilitate & promote the business of his department, and the Public Service —

The inhabitants here seem more timid & cautious than any I have before met with. It is only a few days since they ventured (I allude to the Brahmins & principal inhabitants) to sleep in their houses at night, tho' the distance was so near to them — Their fears I must however confess, are not quite groundless, as they know the sanguinary temper of their late Master, & that this Darapooram was twice in our possession, & as often returned.

The Amuldar has been doing his best but the recovering of grain is very dis-

tant

tance in pots carried by men, women
& children, is a very slow operation
Bandies & bullocks are therefore
much better, & if a 100 or 200 head
of the carriage cattle provided at
Dindigul for the public service
with their drivers, saddles & gunnys
complete, could be spared for a short
time or so, they could be very use-
fully employed here, & in the Cana-
wallin of Columbans
On the 2d I recd a despatch for the Govr
Genl. accompanied with a letter from
Major Romney, from which the fol-
lowing is an extract. "It is the earnest
request of the Commissioners for Malabar
that the Guide for Lord Mornington be
forwarded with all possible dispatch
& communicated to the Officer in com-
of Col. Little's Detachment embarked at
Cananore" & Major R's letter is dated 28th Apr
I much regret that Major R. has
told nothing more about the R. D., &
we are all solicitous to learn its
reception by the Mahrattas. Its com-
to Cananore, without mentioning the
6. why & wherefore, is perplexing to me
at least, who knows so little of the...

politicks.

You may have heard of a Detacht of Travancore troops, which, report at one time said, had gone on & occupied the Pettah of Coimbatore, as the fort is in Travancore state, many tries of Darapooram —

By Major R's Circarrah, & others, I have been assured that this Detacht, on hearing the news of Col. Brown's march from thence, immediately returned within the Travancore lines. Major R's Circarrah asserts that he himself gave the news of Col. B's marching to the Portuguese Commandant, as he was on his return from Darap.m to Paulg.e

Maj. R— has a Guard of 160 firelocks on the skirts of the Col.s territory on that side — The Dindigul Detacht is not yet equipped — The reluctance shewn by the natives to serve is surprising & unaccountable.

The weather has been distressingly hot & unpleasant, & is worse, I think, than the hot land wind season [illegible] the year.

I am, My Dear Sir, Yours truly

Camp near Darapooram.
6th April 1790.

T. Munro

From Ensign Lindsay
4th May 1797

Received 6 May 1797

Copied —

[illegible]

To T. B. Hurdis Esq.
Erode

[illegible]

To be entered in the
Miscellany book

Letters for the month of
May

91 122

Colantun 8 May 1769

Dear Hardis

I Have Received your two Notes &
of the Madarat before given Harry How Long
Assistance In Pens & Sepoys he would
Have done very little Indeed, & as it is
He is not at Present able to do so much as
He will When the Mill is in our Possession

The Paddy is Coming in as fast as the
very few Bullocks he can Master is able
to Bring it, He has Got I believe the whole
of the Paddy belonging to the Village here
but not Stacked,

I Had formed a Plan a few Nights
ago to Catch a Rascal of the Name of
Nangchille a Harcarrar Guard & fifty
Peons were Ready but He had Changed
His Ground

Harry Now tells me you are Writ-
ing to Him for Bullocks, there is hardly
one in the Village but what belongs to
myself, but the fall of the Mill he may
Probably be able to Get some, a very few
People are Come in the Outskirts of the Village
With the Head Man is a Prisoner in the
Mill, When shall you Come this Way yours

Yours [illegible]

from

5th May

Capt Simons

Received 6 May 1777

Copied —

The Hon. Mr Dio Esqr

God knows where

[illegible]

93

123

D[illegible] [illegible]

I was called up at about 2 o'Clock this
Morning with an Alarm that the fort was
[illegible] attack on the
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] firing [illegible]
[illegible] before any [illegible]
[illegible] Decency [illegible]
[illegible] twenty five [illegible] to try to
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] to them [illegible]
[illegible] & the day [illegible] he must [illegible]
[illegible] to save [illegible]
[illegible] to be attacked on that
[illegible]
[illegible] to their [illegible]
[illegible] their [illegible]
[illegible] Night & Morning
[illegible]
[illegible] with the
[illegible] the Village &
[illegible] attacked [illegible]
[illegible] Morning [illegible]
[illegible] commenced [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] to get [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] about 150 but
[illegible]
[illegible] in a Day [illegible]
[illegible] Pounds [illegible] may

do very Well behind Walls, but they are
fit for nothing else, & the [illegible] of the
[illegible] here is a talking [illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] as soon as the firing began in the
Village he was [illegible] out that they were
[illegible] his [illegible] in the Village & wanted to
go to their Assistance in [illegible] was the
[illegible] them [illegible] took to the [illegible] without
any [illegible] it appears to me to be one of those
sort of [illegible] that is likely to [illegible] long
[illegible] Party.

The [illegible] here say that the
[illegible] has sent [illegible] to the [illegible]
which I do not believe.

Altho the [illegible] may [illegible]
I am not very strong in [illegible] he will
[illegible] by to Days [illegible] that we have left
met them in the [illegible]

they came back into the
Village behind some Buffaloes & Bullocks
which they drove before them.

One of your [illegible]
[illegible], & burnt his Belly

Yours truly
[illegible]

[illegible]
May 7th 1799

From Captn Simms

Dated 7th May 1779

Received

Copied —

My Dear Sir

The Bullocks that were furnished at Dindigul, for the Brigade of Field pieces, having never done work before, are all nearly expended — The necessity of my moving on to join Major Lindsay, obliged me, to make a requisition to the head man here, for a few Bullocks, to replace those, that have been rendered entirely unfit for service —

He has brought the Bullocks and I have given him, a Certificate of having furnished them —

On joining and consulting
with Major Lindsay, I will
immediately taken the necessary
steps, to get the people reimbur[sed]

I have much reason to
be pleased, with the head men
here, whose ready ness to accom[mo]
-date the public service, as so[on]
as he understand the nature [of it]
cannot be sufficiently praised

In haste — I am my dear [sir]
Truly [your]
Yours very
Yaniacottah
1st Jan[uar]y 99

B[...]

96

From
Lieut. Scott
dated 7th may 1799
recd. 9th do. do.

Copied –

W B Mudie Esqr.
Collr. &c
Eymouth

A letter from Fr. says "it is understood here that Gen [illegible] commands at Ghent" — M

T. B. Hands Esq

Dinbighs

(Copied)

Grayson (Wm)

March 28

[illegible]

38

[illegible]

the Jemidar out & to remain with the same

[illegible] that had been out before, but he was not

[illegible] that left the [illegible] 25 Men an[d]

to [illegible] the [illegible] the wounded [illegible]

[illegible] with the [illegible] all the [illegible]

to them [illegible]

to try to [illegible] said to be [illegible]

[illegible] that they are

off. [illegible]

[illegible] Major [illegible]

a Party of Seapoys [illegible] from

used to do [illegible]

[illegible] on the borders of the [illegible] Country

[illegible] the Inhabitants

of this Country [illegible] of them on the

Villages belonging to the Enemy & they have &

the Seapoys & them

very little [illegible] from the

small Means at Present we have, the Inha-

bitants themselves are afraid to do any thing

The Paddy of this Village is all cut

& in Stacks but the Inhabitants will not

Tread it out to put into the Fort, they do

not [illegible] it is all burnt

[illegible] that a Detachment of

a few [illegible] Seapoys would Induce them to

begin. This Evening [illegible] Men with fire

[illegible] Every Man who

[illegible] Who was

[illegible] the Men & the

other Men [illegible] Some others

Sir, I had just now a Report by a [illegible]

that the [illegible] 8300 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible]

99

[illegible]

[illegible]

Copied

From Capt. Simeon

Dated 10 January 17[illegible]

Received 20

100 | 186

Caroor 11 May 1769

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th reached me the 6th. I thank you for it and for the assistance you are giving to the Tahsildar of Daraporam whose fears are great indeed of Mohe ul deen ali and the other assiss now peregrinating about your part - Great however as his fears are they are infinitely short of those of the Tahsildar of Kangyem whose conduct is such as to cause in me great apprehension for the fort which from his letter I think it not unlikely but that he may give up to almost any rabble that may seek it of him -

This fort is of very considerable importance as a place of protection to Supplies from Daraporam &c - and Shakragherry - Shengar &c - are independent of its value as such Dominions our own

Value as being the Cushm of the Talook and Residence of the asif — as being near to it you are in the way of every information — and I have only to express my wishes — that you will have the goodness to afford it all the protection and assistance in your power — The Tahneldar has 108 Peons — I would Request a Jemedars Guard might be added to the Garrison but as I am acquainted with the circumstances only from a Man who seems totally [illegible] actuated by his own fears — I can not quite depend on His Representations — & thence I do not think it necessary to make a Requisition that might weaken your [illegible] [illegible] without answering the end proposed by the addi[illegible] you will be able to judge and consequently [illegible] adopt such measures as may appear best calculated for its safety and the tranquillity of the Talook —

I am very much afraid we shall not be able to draw the Supplies assessed on Shakraghorey, Darapoor, & Kangyem — particularly as the asif have left Dornagome [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible] wrapping the Ryots at [illegible] Return

101

Return I wonder much considering the cruelties practised on them by their former masters —

Respecting the Grain — I know not what to do all the carriage is under Requisition for the army and ordered to Sankerry Levoo — there is not a bullock to be had — so that a very considerable loss must ensue — and probably a great disappointment in providing Supplies —

I fancy the Viceroy was right but I can not conceive why they Retired from the Pettah of Coimbatoor — their Remaining there would have ensured the aif's stay at Danaganeotta and have been the means of check on their intentions against our Supplies —

No news whatever

Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

Very truly Yours
(Signed) WB Hevers —

Copy —

To Major Lindsay

Dated 11th May 1777 —

102 136

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you an Account of the Gonny Bags - Bullocks &c all ready for the Curtalcum concern - as matters at present stand, and I hope we shall be able to add 30 or 40 more Bullocks in the course of Six or Eight days - This promises well in respect of that Quarter - Upon a calculate I find that about five Sheep pr day will answer The Commissary now kills Eight - but that is forced meat - by this it will amount to 150 pr Mo. not including our ? Sort - In respect of which I shall act as you were kindly pleased to intimate

Respecting other matters Viz.t the Butchers &c. I have given the necessary orders to Expedite —

with many Thanks for your kindness and liberallity ~ the Peons are not yet come in for their Matchlocks &c. –

I am My Dear Sir

Your Most Obliged and Obedient

Servant

[illegible]

Tanjore –

11.th May 1799

103

Copied.

From Captn. Gipps 4th

Dated — } 11 May 1777
Received }

Mr. Wendis Esqr.

Gunny Bags in Toto - 720 -

Bullocks D ——— 600

Cunnicopolys Account of Grain &c now at Cuttalum

Bullocks now there and going from hence } 680

Bandies Employed Equal to 32 more } 32

Total Bullock Load — 712

Price at Cuttalum by Cunnicopoly's Account

Bullock Load - 3000 .. or Madras Mercals .. 10000 .. upon an Average — Bull: Load 700 — at 2 each Supp — making little better than four Supps

106

198

My Dear Sir

I have given yours

[illegible] the Sketch books the 40 Bells each - being all

I have but about two -

which I may sometimes

Require for the Pokyears -

I am Dear Sir

Yours obediently

12th May - Your Servant

Whitsunday [illegible]

P.S. I want to insert the particular Number in my
Ltr to Captn Ogilby

My Dear Sir—

The whole are Mr Torins the 1000 from
[illegible] were Supplied by Mr Hughes— the 1900 from Lembegal
by Me— Mr Ravenshaw could know nothing of what Mr Torin
desired to be stopped as Mr T: never wrote him on the subject
—Mr Torin write you to Stop the Ld Bullocks— and me to
the same effect of course only the Carriage Bullocks among the
1900 go on the others stay for further orders— that is the
Ld Bullocks—

Very obediently yours
(Signed) W B [illegible]
15 May 1799

108

My Dear Sir

As there are 1900 of these Bullocks sent by Mr Ravenshaw from Dindigul – and Mr Lewis only mentions 1000 as his which they call the Madura Bullocks by way of distinction and from which Ashat stops 500 Drt Bs –

The other as I conceive coming from you & Mr R not saying any thing on the subject of Drt Bullocks

Is it your intention to have these Drt Bullocks stopped also – as Mr R says to send all on

Yours ever obliged Serv.t
[illegible]

Copied —

From Jacob Gepp.

Dated 15 } May 1..
Received 15 }

My Dear Sir 109 140

Ere you get this - you
will probably have heard Seringa-
patam fell on the 4th. Tipu
killed - Sultan Basham - & Mohi-
uldeen - his two sons prisoners
with many of the principal Sirdars
Thus says Genl. Harris in his
official to Govt. - I congratulate
you on the Event - I shall
be glad to hear of your interested
emotions and to what
point

point — as the ordering on the Sup-
plies — will in great measure
depend on them — that is of such
as may come from Saringhurry
Columbum & Loonapoorum —
whence however from want of
Carriage I fear we shall be able
to draw very little —

The weather has been
dreadfully hot — and the violent
winds have carried away the
Rain that intended to have
fallen here had it not been
prevented —

Very truly Yours
(Signed) [illegible] Hunter

Carron [illegible] May 15 1799
Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

Copied

To Major Lindsay

Dated 15 May

1779

Political Dep.

J. D. Harris Esq.
H. H. H.

Sir

I have the greatest Satisfaction in Announcing to you that the Fort of Seeringapattam was on the 4th Instant carried by Assault. The Sultaun himself fell in the attack & the principal part of his family including his Brother Kerim Saheb his two Sons formerly hostages, & Sultaun Moideen, the Heir of his Dominions, became by this Event prisoners of War — in addition to the above, which I have received Publicly from the Coast Government, Private letters State, that a Crore of Pagodas in Cash, & the Amount of another Crore in Jewels, has fallen into our possession — It is farther necessary to remark that Soobah Row the Duan of Coimbatoor has sent me such propositions, as have induced me

to

to proceed to Coimbatoor immediately—
on my arrival at which place I shall
have pleasure in again addressing you.

I am
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
[illegible]
Act. [illegible]

On Circuit
Paulghaut
16th May 1788

112

Camp at Hoongham, 16th May 1799

My Dear Sir,

113 144

I came hither to raise the Siege of Hoongham. I arrived yesterday morning, & the Marattas, under the Dar of Dara Doorai, & other leaders of the Peons in this quarter, fired several shot ~~[illegible]~~ behind the hedges on the line, & then ran off. He was too distant to do any mischief, & his speedy flight secured him with from all harm.

I have desired Abdul Kader to return the 88 Peons of Tondiman till he receives further orders from you, as

as you doubtless know
not, I could not conjecture
the State of affairs here
When you sent him the
order — I have assisted him
with some Powder & Lead
of the Dare's Powder & small
bar, who would not trust him
self with the Guard I left
in the Fort but Cuthbert
over the Grains, but came
along with the Detacht.
is endeavouring to assist
Abdul Kader with him
Should you wish any
money to be paid him, I
shall with pleasure send
it to Abdul Kader Green

Vayamant at Dindigul

Appajee hanged up 5 Gowders 4 days ago, for there supposed attachment to their new Masters. He has not burned or destroyed the grain, trees &c, nor molested the inferior inhabitants.

All the Officers & Peons of the different places taken possession have come westward, and ranging themselves under different leaders traverse & sometimes plunder the country. Only 4 here ~~[illegible]~~ mounted wanderers here by me, & about 120 on foot. Report increased them prodigiously as usual Many reports of the natives about Seringm being taken on the 4th or 5th ~~[illegible]~~ confirmed

tion of which I heartily wish. Troops are absolutely requisite & I hoped ere this to have heard of the march of some.

I am, My Dear Sir, Yrs &c

A. Hunter

[illegible]

T. B. [illegible] Esq

[illegible]

From Major Hunter

[illegible]

115

Dear Murdies

I am favour'd with yours of the 15th Yesterday & Murry Row has informed me, that you have been Blameing him for Applying to the Dalli Poligar for Assistance of Peons, I must so far take the Blame from him, for it was Myself who Asked it, the Dalli Mangulum & one other Poligars Vakeel Came to Pay me a Visit, & said they were sent by you & that you told them to Obey me, & as I had nothing in View at the time but Getting Possession of the Hill of Chuckley Gorey, & Acco for the Good of the Service, & so long as it is not in Our Possession Little Goo Can be done here, I told them if they woud Assist me With Peons to Cut off the Water from the Hill that they woud Render a Great Service – they Hum'd & Haw'd but Promised Nothing, However a few Days After the Dalli Poligar Wrote to Murry Row that they were Getting Peons Ready to Join; When a Dewan of Tippoo With a Party of Horse made a Demand of them of the Assistance of three Hundred Peons, but he had him for Answer he had no Peons to spare; Since the Accounts of Tippoo fate has Got abroad the Dalli man has sent in Another Vakeel again tryed him & He had Promised me as tomorrow two Hundred but In Consequence of your Letter to Murry Row, I wrote Him I should not have Occasion for them, as you Ought to be the best Judge of the Propriety of Calling for Assistance from those People,

As the Hill has Always been a Harbour for Luckia Naig People & Borderers, & a Number of Other Miscreants, who have lately Plunderd the Pylney Country of Much Cattle, & of Which I have Recoverd near 200 hea of Cows & Bullocks & a Great Many Sheep, & Which have been in Part Restored & the Remainder is now Under a Guard until the Owners are Properly Ascertaind, I Have a Great Anxiety to Get Possession, Which as far as I can find out is Only to be done By Posting Peons & Seapoys so as to Prevent the Hill from Getting a Supply of Water, of Seapoys I have very few, for that Purpose it was my intention to have Gone with about 50 Seapoys the Dalli Mans 200 Peons & What Peons I coud ... leaving a few in the Fort

... Guard of Seapoys, & I make no doubt but in two Days they would have been ob— for Want of Water, a Number of the fellows who left this are now at Coleperam a Village there near the Hill & they have built themselves there there under the Guns of the Hill, they are all under Great Alarm & if it is merely the Driveing them away, I could do it but it is doing Nothing as they will Go up the Hill, & unless I can Get the Hill which the few People I can Muster is not by any means Sufficient, to cut of their Getting water —

However they Must as Affairs now stand move off soon & it is Hardly Worth My Giveing my self any More trouble about it, Luckily Nair Landen & all the Plundering Rabble are off, so that I hope for the Present we have nothing to fear in that head,

In My Humble Opinion you Will have some trouble with the Lads in this Quarter, as there are Various Claims & Knotty Points to be settled —

I Have had More trouble than Enough to Get any Wine from your Butler at Dindigul, I Have with much trouble at last one Basket Just Arrived, & will thank you to Give Orders for the Remainder

Major Ramsey Writes me that the Communication betwixt Sowingapatam & Paulghautcherry is cut off by Lootis I would not be much Surprized at a Plundering Party of them Comeing this Way, & Am

My Dear Hardis

yours very truely

J Simons

Columbum May 19 1799

from Capt. Lorenius
19th Aug
29th Recd
Copied –

T B Hurdis Esqr.
Collector
Tavoor

Tinnevelly
letter

[illegible]
[illegible]

117

20th May 1799 —

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 16th I have this moment received — and feel much obliged by your assistance and communication — The Tahsildar of Rangy-pem however has conducted himself in so improper a manner as to leave me no alternative with him —

You cannot have received my letters of the 11th or 18th — in the latter you will perceive a reinforcement equal to what can be spared will be forthcoming — and from Major Kenny I learn that two Company's of the Travancorians march tomorrow from Trichenopoly — for this place — whence instead of the detail of Europeans & natives — I have in communication with Captn Genl — commuted them to 50 Sepoys and a Subaltern this however if you disapprove may be easily placed as before — but our means of Victualling &c are very confined —

An Hircarrah from Palghaut inform me there are three Companies and a Gun at Vabia of 50 — this force surely might join you which with what may be spared will prove of Great assistance —

I am

I send you a letter from Major Kenny Nerewatte —

The [illegible] from Trichinopoly will not be here until the 25th and I fear it will be impossible to join you before the 30th —

I shall be at Ariyarcourchee on the 23d and remain there until the 26th or 27th when I shall have concluded my business there — and shall join the Sepoys on their march towards you at Chinna Daraporam — two marches hence to the westward —

Thank you for your offer of money for the Tahsildar of Kangayam which, should he want any [illegible] be convenient but — as he must go to the high [illegible] and as the man superseding him takes money there it may not be necessary

I apprehend now Seringapatam is ours that the army will all be off with the plunder they have —

I am

I am my dear Sir with hearty congratulations on the complete success of our Armies — Very truly yours

(Signed) H. B. Harris

Major Lindsay

&c. &c. &c.

To Major Lindsay
Dated 20 May 1779

Triplicate [illegible]

I received your letter
yesterday afternoon for which I
thank you. Braddell had come
off the Mouth of the River to a
letter but three days ago before
as I had been to Mayor Law[illegible]
[illegible]. — Cummin had been &
Hetty Hyder came on with the
10th & 12th I been very
moved immediately and ar-
rived at Persanalam on the
16th. We expect on the army
about the 21st.

We have hoisted our
Flag at Cuddalore. Braddell
went with about 100 men
of the Garrison & 300 Sepoys

and

and met an unhandy for
Scotch Row in every year
Dennewitz to surrender
himself at discretion, prisoners
guns
and his army hence —
*
Sunday the [illegible]
news: present [illegible] the
11th — The monks, [illegible]
with I — & themselves the
[illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
was the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. I
believe the [illegible] [illegible]
& am doon [illegible]
& [illegible]

120 155

I am my dear Sir

Very truly yours —

J. G. Romney

Poonah 21st May 1784

2 A.M. Your men arrived yesterday at 5 P.M.

P.S. Pray leave in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] abroad —

20th May
Paper Currency

My Dear Friend

Barker being Sick and having none but a drunken Rascal to assist him who does more harm than good and has only thrown things into disorder. – Besides some business I wish to conclude myself you must kindly excuse my not coming down this Evening

Your Obliged and
Obedient Servt

Wed.y Afternoon.

Edw.d A. Jepp

From Captn. Gyff

inclosed receipts
on account of
the Agent
dated 21st may 1796
rd. 23d. do. do.
Copied—

J. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Camp near Davenport 2[illegible]
[illegible]

123

My Dear Sir, I My [illegible]
letter containing every thing
that suggested itself to me [illegible]
the business in hand—
Tho' I have no concern[illegible]
I do not pretend to be a com-
petent judge of the abilities
of the persons you employ
yet [illegible] Hodges's account
conduct, as learned from him
& others, shows him to
be [illegible]
[illegible] I beg
your pardon for this liber-
ty, but think it of importance
to mention the behaviour [illegible]
Any detail of Company
business, unless proper
notes & papers, dockets
of sundry charges, &c, be
sent with them, will give
occasion much inconvenience

as I experienced from the
small detachment of which you
hastily supplied —
Mr Hughes has no person
in camp to superintend
the Departments that be-
long to him — In the case
of our Excy. falling with[in]
I have no means of car-
rying but on the shoulders
of troops — My waggons
are in like predicament
but can be kept where we
there is a QM — the strong
reinforcement I sent Capt.
Simms, the moment of his
coming, has enabled him
to give the necessary assist-
ance to your Express
who is return[ing] on his ...

The letter of Gov.r [illegible] to Gen.l
mentions his Ldp's orders
to Gen.l H., to send with
all practicable expedi-
tion a Detachment to take pos-
session of the country below
the Yazous — [illegible] As no
regular troops can be spared
a troop of Capt. Manly's
men twice [illegible] may be given.
Their presence in this coun-
try would, I conceive, have
a considerable good effect.

The weather is so boisterous
that it blows down & tears
our tents to pieces — I am
now repairing them, & the
tumbrils & wheels as well
as present means allow.

I had the pleasure to
receive your favour from [illegible]
where I left all matters
as to freight, as well as they
can be freighted without

a strong [illegible] of happy
[illegible] the Arms may
be supplied. Officers (Ens)
are highly necessary —
The want of them is
much felt by me — Every
detachment should be com-
manded by one of Regular [illegible]

I am,
My dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. Lindsay

from
Major Lindsay
Dated 21st May 94 —
Recd 23 do
Copied —

125 18

Received of J. B. Hurdis Esqr. on Account of the Prize Agents belonging to the Southern Detachment the Sum of (107 Rs.) One hundred and Seven Rupees for the same Number of Matchlocks purchased by him out of Store at this place. Carroor – 21st May 1799.

Edwd. M. Gepp
Captn. Commg.

126 162

Sir

The Bearer, Tanapayeen, I venture from experience & a Just conviction of his Superior abilities, to Recommend him to the notice of the Gentleman who may Succeed to the Col=lectorship of Coimbatoor.— His residence being at this Town, & having at present an Employ under the Bombay Government;— he has Solicited this note from me,— which I give, with a sincere hope it may tend to his benefit.

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t

Geo. Macleod

Coimbatoor [illegible]

Act.g C. S. Sh.
S.D. Malabar

From
Mr. Waddell
dated 22d May 99
recd. 27. ditto ditto
Copied

No 3

Athaypiar, - the Maave, who formerly was Employed by Mr Cabet, - was parti- -cularly recommended to me, to be Entertained in the service of the Company. Should an Opportunity offer. - from the Recommendation, - I certainly would have given him service - had I re- -mained in the Coimba- -toor District. -

Alexr Maxwell
Act. Supr Intr
Dt
Malabar

Coimbetoor
9th May
1795

130

Caroor 22d May 1799 =

My Dear Sir—

A letter dated 21st from Major Kenny says "in consequence of a Requisition from Major Bannerman who has marched against the insurgents in the Ramnad district I have been obliged to countermand the orders of March for the Travancorians to join Major Lindsay and to direct Major Innis to detach such troops as he could spare from Tanjore to reinforce Major Bannerman"

So we can expect assistance neither from Tanjore nor from Trichinopoly — Capt. [illegible] can afford us but very little if any — and the Sepoys from hence can be very ill spared in consequence of the numerous guards required for convoys —

To remedy this failure as much as possible — I directed the trained Sibbendy to be sent for immediately — and propose ordering to them thirty of those now in Arivarecurchy — These under the Command

Command of the Hawaldars & naigues - Capt.
has obligingly furnished - they perhaps enable
to keep a greater number of Sepoys - with you, a
than may do in any fort - these numbers will be
sufty -

I should apprehend the Killadar
Shakingherry would surrender on Summons - and
should you judge it right to try the experiment
- I have to beg the favor of you to expect & our as
Conversation you & Lucknow naigue should they
be under his protection - from any terms whate
- since wretches like them - as we have not
the power of giving condign punishment should
they come by any means under our hands be
prevented the power of doing injury in future -

I shall be at Arnarcourchee
tomorrow where I hope to have the pleasure
of hearing from you and of receiving your
instructions

(3)

~~your~~ instructions as to the place the men now ready may join you at-

I am My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
(Signed) W B Unwin

Major Lindsay
D. A. G.

To Major Lindsay
Dated 22d May 1747
Copied

My Dear Sir.

I was favored with yours of the 19th and 2[illegible]th on the 20th & 21st. & you will have received the news I sent you, in addition to which I have only to say, that our army has arrived at Sebanor, & Genl Stuart is expected at Coonoor on the 25th. The treasure found in Puttun is immense — near a crore of Pagodas, and more than that value in jewels and rich merchandize &c.

I understand Mr Waddell is recalled from Coimbatore, in which case I recommend there may be some Companies, as near ten thousand Bramins (Braminn) & others had gone back from those Districts, who had taken refuge during the troubles, and may perhaps be disturbed untill some other authority is quickly established.

I have the pleasure to remain

Paulghaut: 25th May 1799
11 A. M.

My dear Sir
Respectfully yours
J. H. Harney

133 168

My Dear Sir

I have received your public and Private letter for both of which I thank you —

By the enclosed paper you will see I have recalled myself of all that can be spared from hence for Hungryen —

I hope to be with you the Tr[illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]

I thank you for the conduct of Rob. Lander towards [illegible] of Hungryen — he was superseded three days since — I never saw [illegible]

Arnan so altered as his letter declared him - he was certainly unworthy - I have been able also to change the Tahsildar of Chingary Puladun - the one first sent being a thorough [illegible]

Very truly Yours
My Dear [illegible]
23rd May
1799
(Signed) T. B. [illegible]

Just off for Arnan [illegible]

Copied

[illegible] Landt

[illegible] 23[illegible]

1799

Camp near Daraporam 23d May

135

My Dear Sir,

I was yesterday favoured with your letter of the 20th.

The 2 Cos of Travancore Troops, as well as my other 2 Cos, lose part of their value by being without European Officers, the more especially as they come to a quarter where the want of Officers is so very great.

The 2 Cos might take the Duty of Azeemabad, Yerwarobah, Pylung & Columbum & thereby enable me to draw together the men of 1st Bn 16th Regt scattered about at these Stations.

Capt. Simons could draw for & pay the men posted at Columbum & Pylung & Capt. Gipps, the nearest Officer to Azeemabad, might draw for & pay the men at that place & Yerwarobah. [illegible] the making out of the abstracts, & distributing of the pay, independent of the [illegible] & attentions of the [illegible]

[illegible] of some other [illegible]

[illegible]

at Platoons of European Infy, with dooles & tints &c complete, would prove useful in respect of our action

In thus writing about these Corps, as in lately giving my opinion of the force I thought necessary to take possession of & preserve in peace & order the Country below the Ghauts, I am a mere Volunteer, because Govt in their letter consider me as the Senior & Comdg Officer at Dindigul, & their orders have reference only to the force I can spare from that Garrison. The one to take command of the different details furnished is not mentioned nor can be inferred, from any part of Govts letter to You, or to me. Majors Kinnaway or Innes might take the field with the details furnished by them, with as much propriety as I can do — Col. Brown's orders to me respect only my situation as Comdg Offr 14th Regt.

I am fully sensible that the juncture requires every man's exertions, & that the want of orders should not however

an Officer from acting for the evident benefit of the Service, I stated the above circumstances merely to shew you the awkwardness of situation.

From different accounts received the hill fort of Shakragurray must surrender as soon as their supply of water from the river is cut off.

My Detachment exclusive of the Artilly is not quite equal to the strength of 2½ Companies of Sepoys, & of this strength a strong Party is in readiness to proceed for Eerode to escort cattle & grain collected by your Tahsildar.

I have no recent news from Palghautcy, & have not heard, since I had pleasure of last writing you, anything about the Peons & other Mounted bandits.

I am, My dear Sir,

Your's truly

A Henderson

To
T. B. Hurdis Esqr
C.M. D L Dr

Copied

Major Lindsay

22nd May

1797

Recd – 24th Cornwall

To

T. B. Hunter Esqr.

Col. [illegible]

[illegible]

At

[illegible]

137 172

My dear Sir

The Subadar here and
his party - and also the party
at Pyemacotta not having received
any pay for April - and all
being much distressed I have
advanced them equal to their
pay for April - I have the Subadar
receipt & when we meet we can
settle the account -

I have also advanced my
own guard 24 Pagodas - on account

very truly yours.
(signed) O.W. Hardes

May 24
1799

Amarcountha

138

Copied
To
Major Lindsay
dated 24 May
1778

My dear Sir

I have this moment received your's from Cannanore, on the subject of the Governor General's instructions. You will have had letters informing you that we had on the 13th accomplished in some measure the object — but unfortunately, the Commissioners, [illegible] let the Major Waddell & I had taken might interfere with the plans of the Governor General, or other [illegible] disapproved of our having proceeded so far and recalled Mr Waddell. An officer however with 60 sepoys and about 200 Polygars continue in possession of the [illegible] of [illegible] everything is perfectly quiet. Besides this detachment I have 100 men at [illegible], that is, at [illegible] just within the verge of the late [illegible] country, and they may be moved in any direction, to a small distance but any [illegible] circumscribed, and such measures as I have ordered

ma have been without the Provision Remitting

the present Commanding Officer of the Province, altho' he

has not been apprized of them. However, as there

are troops at Danana' Castle and others coming

down the Creek, the Operation of our troops will not

I suppose be wanted. Sobel Ross, the late Deven, who

had proposed to meet Whitall, stop'd on the arrival

of the detachmt below the [illegible] and I fear

his surrender to them. Had not these Troops come

and you should require Operation to the Southward and

near to our District, I could employ 200 or 250

men to a Operation. I have to inform you, however, that

the people throughout the County are perfectly well

disposed to us, and all those who fled for shelter to other

or our Districts have returned to the Plantation with

their property & families. Your presence would be of

the utmost consequence.

Our army is to continue chiefly to the [illegible]

of Mobile & continue on full allowance, as that should

seem

tions. Discoveries have been made among the State Papers found in the late Sultaun's Palace that make it expedient to be at all points prepared on that side the Peninsula for further operations. yet when the Morattas hear of the compleat destruction of their neighbouring empire, the additional force gained by their neighbour, the Nizam, and the vast eclat of the English arms, they will not I think hazard a war with us, altho' it cannot be doubted, that French agents will be working them to it. Lord Mornington's determination to cleanse India of all the Sansculotteian trash is truly a wise measure. I wish his brothers would ever go farther, & weed the Tower of such as do not scruple to avow a moderate predilection for french principles and politics.

I have the honour to be
my dear Sir,
Your very obedient
J. Romney

Paulshurst. 24th May:
1799

P.S. I send you a letter from Mr. Elphinstone. Capt. Montgomery's comments are [illegible] the memorandum &c. —

From
Major Tommey
dated 24 May 1799
recd. 31st do. do.

Camp near Dar. 24th May 1788

My Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 22d is this moment rec'd, 10 A.M.

I had the pleasure to write you from Kaugham, & this place — My former letter mentioned what force, in my opinion, was requisite to take possession of & keep the country in quiet.

My Detacht. exclusive of the Arty. is not quite equal to the strength of the 6th of Sepoys.

It is vexatious to find the expected supplies snatched away, & these services required elsewhere for so unpleasant a business as the quelling of domestic insurgency.

At same time with your letter I received one from Major Romney, in which he does not mention a word about furnishing any supply of troops

the

Tho' Mr W. should leave Coimbatore it is unaccountable to me why such troops should be withdrawn, rather than kept there to prevent the mischief apprehended –

Could you send some trained Peons here, they, with the Peons already here, & a Nai[ck?] & 16 troops, might for a while guard the quarter, & enable me to march to Shankarydroog, & take such means as, on viewing the place, might be thought best – I do not think that any Ammunition would be attended to till the Detachment is at the foot of the hill – I could accomplish the Shankarydroog business, whilst you are settling

matters

matters at Arrunacounda (which I
mistook & called in my last letter
Azemnahad — It's Amer is Ukzia
Chimgluun) Hangham, or have
I imagine, if they failed to surren
der, that or in week's time we
should, by reducing them to
a total want of water, or
by more forcible means
get possession — A Pdr &
Parson this morning with
money to pay the Sen. Garr.
Sepoys, as also those composing
your Guard — I thank you
for the News-papers, which, w
read by me & the Gentlemen
with me, shall be in return
&c.

in next letter.

I am, My Dear Sir, Yours truly
A Hamilton

T. B. Minors Esq.
Col. D D [illegible]
Carson

A Hamilton
Major

P.S. As the most expeditious convey-
ance I take the liberty of sending a
letter for Major Henry, which I request
you will direct to be forwarded by
the Baron tonight.

Dear Mr. Andrews

Your letters arrived about 11 o'Clock A.M. and were immediately dispatched for Mr. Webbe one express to Tritchinopoly; the other do. to Kistnaghery — Captn. McLeod by Choudr — Your Bullocks (500) are arrived — I shall have them Mustered marked and the Carriages sent off to Namcal as speedily as possible — I am very much obliged to you for the paper — Tom sends his Love to you and I remain with every good wish —

Your much obliged and
Very Obedient Servant
[illegible]

Caroor —
25th. May — 1780 —

The Bullocks arrived about 10 o'Clock — I shall send off the Register and Muster Rolls to Mr. Hurr same as I did of those before mustered here. —

My dear Sir

With the best intention in the world you have d[one]
wrong in sending the register & muster to Mr Torin - you were
obliging me by mustering & marking the bullocks - but the
register & muster certificate must necessarily come to me
as vouchers to my accounts - I have therefore to beg the fa[vour]
of you to recall them and to be kind enough to send
them to me -

the register of them went to Mr Torin yester-
day - with the receipts &c. of course your sending another
will make it appear as if you had provided them
the mistake however is easily rectified - with love
to Tom

I am my dear Sir
very truly yours
(Signed) M. Hurdis

Oorrivarcourchee
28 May 1799

J. A. Hurdis Esqr
Collector of [illegible]

149 180

My dear Sir

When the 519 bullocks arrive - and you have mustered them - have the goodness to send me the certificate of muster - you need not mention to Mr Tinn that you mustered them - but simply that y have received so many from me on account of the supply to him for the amount advance - to Vadaghena Tammaiyar I believe about [illegible] 5 Pags is due this I'll thank you to ascertain & write either send him the order for the money if he go with the bullocks or pay him here in case of his Return -

Be so good as to put the accompany-ing letters in the Trichenopoly Tappal

– if you will have the goodness to a
the Chits I will send you an order
for the Cash –

pray give my Love to Tom

I am my dear Sir
Very truly yours
(Signed) W. Hume

ammarcourchee
27th May 1799

Capt. Graff

Sankerry Droog 27: May 1799 -

Dear Sir -

By a Letter received this Morn:
:ing from Virdndarow a Gomasta in this
Division Circhares (S.P. His pay ~~7~~ pr. Mensem) I understand
he has engaged himself to you as the Tasildar
of Conjium - he had only my permission to be
absent 10 days on some private business at
Pollypolliam - it is now 15 days since he went
away & instead of his personal appearance
he sends a Letter mentioning his new appointment
under you - Capt. Munro having given me
the most positive injunctions not to discharge
any circhares servant without his sanction
I have to request that you will be so good
to release him from his engagement with you
& send him a prisoner to me under a guard
of Peons or Seapoys - he is a tall man about
32 years of age

and rather light coloured – if you should require
a person to identify his person I will send one
to you – The enclosed is the letter received from
him – I am

Dear Sir

Your's sincerely

William Marriott

Camp near Dampor. 28th May

146; 1977

My Dear Sir,

Both your favours of the 26th are this instant come to hand with the news paper for which I thank you. The accompanying one from Major Robinson was received last night I intended keeping it till your arrival here but as your letter of the 26th does not fix any particular day for your leaving D[illegible], I have sent it that it may reach you there this evening. I have

M. Romney, in his letter to me, says he can spare 200 men, a good supply. As he has addressed Genl Hartley on the subject, it is not improbable but a number of men may also be furnished from Cane Brake —

From M. R's last letter it would seem that the supplies are still at Cantonment — I think the [illegible], I shall write [illegible] to you here.

Yrs truly
A. Hartley

1447 184

P.S. Whilst subscribing another letter for you is come to hand, which I also send, as the bearer declines going farther.

M

Since writing the P.S. the fellow says he will himself carry the letter to you – I have recommended to him to take the route of Gerrardstown

M

From
Major Lindsay
dated 28th May 99
recd. 1st June 9

To B. Mundis Esq
&c
Dumfries

148 / 18

My dear Sir—

I have your favr of the 28th covering certificates &c—all is now right—the Vadagherra Cammaugue is Takeel to a poligar the advances which ought to have been made to him are credited the poligar in his Kist—as the bullocks are his—

there was no occasion for your having the trouble of regestring, as that was done at Dindigul—mustering & marking was all that was required—

I have written the to Seeldar about the carts—it is only necessary to be vigilant not to make any visible preparations—as so acting merely makes these things

consequence than they really are — I hope things will not proceed to extremity — but if they do — the casts have themselves only to blame for what may befall them —

I have directed the Tahsildar to secure the heads of the casts to put them in Irons — and to request of you that they may be safely lodged in the fort —

Should any of these idly people proceed to violence they must be vigorously opposed should things proceed to extremity they must be dispersed —

I am Dear Sir
very truely yours
(signed) W. B. Hudd
29th May 1799

Captn. C. M. Gyhpp

149 149

put the accompanying for Capt. Macgregor in the Tappal.

To
Captn Geffe
dated 29. may 1779.

150

Dear Sir

Purneah writes that a further advance is required by the Bullock People of half a Pagoda for each Bullock — if given to them, Bhigees People will also require it & there will call for the sum of 1250 Pagodas — I can have no objection to your making the advance ~~or other~~ as they hors Carrcors or to indemnify the Officer at Nagamangala if he can furnish you with Cash to that amount — if not — I will write to Major Capper & to relieve them — I am anxious to hear from you about the Supply of grain —

Yours sincerely

B Close

151

Dear Mr Hurdis

I am favored with yours of 27th it came just
in time to stop my sending of the Muster Rolls and
Registers to Mr Soren which by the bye I must have
sent off incomplete, tho I was thinking to write you
first concerning them as your man could give me no kind
of Account relative to the advances &c however the mode
you have adopted will rectify the business as he said
that all the Accounts were taken at Dindigul and that
the Bullocks were mustered there but not marked
they have been mustered and marked here and left this
at 4 o'clock this morning for Namcul. I have also sent
off all the Draft Bullocks to Tritchinopoly amongst
which are those from Dindigul viz those which arrived
on the 15th (370) and of the 25th (36) Total 406 under charg
of Rungapah Naig Mastrie of Draught Bullocks

You will perceive by this that your letter came too late
for me to make Enquiry relative to the dues to Ravoghera
tamapyer, who I suppose to be the Mastrie which came
with the last drove and left this morning for Namcul
if so he told me he had no Accounts at all of any kind
which is the cause of my sending you the Register rolls
incomplete

The business between the Banian and the Vitiaf

another Isaias happened the Ceremony has again been stopped and some heads broken on the Occasion — The head Parriah man has absconded and it seems now says that what he gave under his signature was forced from him. As soon as I had knowledge of this Affair Yesterday Morning I offered the Amuldar all the assistance he might require and sent a Tom Tom round the Fort to warn the people belonging to the Garrison to forbear any interference with the Village — I also issued a Garrison Order on the Occasion however a Bullock and two rascals related to my own Servants had the Audacity to go with Staves into the Village and join the people — for which I have given them punishment — The Amuldar seems to think that the Head Parriar is gone to get others to join — and fears that it may be necessary for the Sepoys to use their Arms in a serious manner he however writes you All Circumstances relative to this Affair and the marriage is suspended till he gets your Answer — I find they are trying to get the people (Pariars) out of the Fort to side for them — but I hope I have put a Stop to any thing of that nature occurring — and I certainly will most severely punish All that may be found interfering with this business in any Shape — and of which they have had sufficient warning — It would have been better had [illegible]

I have sent your Letter to the Sappral - Your Troop of Offrs are not yet come I believe - The Man says that about 30 Buffalo Band[ies] can be procured from Sickhinofsy at 7 Rs. pr. Month or ½ more [illegible] as Compt. [illegible]
but I do not think they would be of any good - for it will be very slow work with them if any rain falls which we have great reason to expect - we had a small shower [illegible] Night which has greatly refreshed us the two [illegible] prior days were most intolerably hot - The Doctor has got a smart touch of the Rheumatism - The Cuttutten Grain is coming on very well - You make a long stay at Arrivacowchy - we have no news here - I shall therefore conclude - remaining - Yourmuch Obliged &

very Obed. Servant

Edwd. H. Gepp

[illegible]moor

28th. May 1799

Captn. Gepp
dated 28. May 1799
received 30th Do. Do.

[illegible] Hunter Esqr.
Collector &c &c &c

153 198

[illegible], 31st May, 1799

My dear Sir,

Having transmitted copies of your letter of the 18th inst. to Generals Stuart and Hartley, I have received in answer, that no directions having been sent to them either from the Rt. Honble the Governor General or General Harris to order a co-operation [illegible] home with the Madras troops in the Coimbatoor, they decline warranting my compliance with any application from you, further than that, should the emergency of the occasion in my opinion make it necessary and I can spare a detachment without endangering the tranquility of our own districts, I am to consider myself at liberty to afford you a temporary assistance; but that any detachment so employed shall be held to a recall to within our own boundaries whenever I may find it expedient to apprize you of such a measure.

I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir,
Respectfully yours,
Jas. Romney.

J. B. Heudes Esqr. &c.

Memorandum—

A Detachment of the Militia of Kings and one Company of Artillery are ordered into the Genesee Country immediately under Command of Lt. Col. Brearman, Messrs Whitloff Commissary of Malobar, Bell and Rolston proceed along with the Detachment.——

135 136

My dear Sir

I have just heard from Lt Markham that you are expected tomorrow at Lambeton. But that I apprehend you will have too vast a complexity of business upon your hands. I would gladly have extended a visit to see you at Castlehead. Long ago you had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Should I find it your intention to make any stay at [illegible], I will certainly endeavour to pay you a visit.

The Canadians on our borders are all acknowledged as friends at the commencement of hostilities, & [illegible] their [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] from the Commissioners. They have [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

respect to the security of our frontier and the assist-
ance in various instances they have given us — even
so long ago as December last, when they inti-
mated their intentions of being neuter till
our armies were in the ingress[?], and then to join
us in every operation when they should be
required, which they did on my repeatedly
sending out a detachment to assist the Vol-
unteers to reduce a Devitoor[?]. Then it was
expected Col. Brown would, instead of proceeding
to Caveripoorum[?], have moved towards Coimba-
tore &c.

I hope to have the satisfaction of hearing
soon of your arrival

Commodore Rainier arrived in the Suffolk
at Cananore on the 31st ult. and I understand the [illegible]
when [illegible] Stuart[?] on board to run him up
to Bombay. The Vengeance frigate [illegible] at
Goa. We have no appearance of a Monsoon
as

Mr Coats.

I have the pleasure to be

my Dear Sir

Your very truly

G. Romney

Paulstreet. 5th June 1799.

F. B. Murdis Esq.
&c &c &c.
Coimbatore

J Romney

To be entered with the
Miscellany book

From
Major Romney
dated 3d June 92
Recd 5 do do

156

My Dear Sir,

As Col. Brown's appointment of me was never recognised by Govt., I have long wished to be so placed as to have no charge excepting that of the Bn — My wish is now acceded, as you will perceive by the inclosed G.O. but in a manner I did not expect, & which is not pleasing —

Of the causes that have led to this event I can not form even a guess, but time & measures will probably develope them —

As a European Officer is necessary in occupying so important a station as the extensive Pettah, & I have no Officer with me saving the Adjt, who cannot be detached but on some very pressing emergency, I hope, Mr McConnochie will defer his departure for a day or two till Col. B's arrival —

I beg you will return me the G.O.

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

A. Murray

Camp near Coimbatore,
5th Jan, 1799 —

From
Major Lindsay
dated 5th June 1799
answered the Same date

My dear Sir

I am so much surprised at the order as you can
no can I conceive why you should not hold the
same command your predecessor did —

I have spoken with Lieut. Mokonochie
he wants an official letter it would be
well perhaps to put him into requisition
until Coll. Browne arrival —

Coimbatore

To T. B. Hurdis Esq &c &c

To be entered in
the Miscellany
Book —

Letters for June —

1577 2.8

My dear Sir

I have been favored with your two notes & congratulate you on your appearance [?] as Councillor. I should have had much pleasure in waiting upon you immediately, but have since the day before yesterday been much incommoded with a cold which has affected my bowels. I hope however in a few days to be able to undertake the journey.

Captain Montgomery's Camels & baggage proceed to day to Vellore and I suppose will be able to wait upon you tomorrow.

Col Stuart left Conjeveram on the [illegible] on the 2d. for Madras & Sir Genl Medley was [?] Commander of the Army

I have the pleasure to remain

my dear sir

very truly yours

Jn Romney

Philadelphia. 6th June, 1799. 7 A.M.

4th June 17[illegible]

158 / 201

My Dear Sir,

Excepting a couple of lines from Captn Foster desiring me to send him news, & a bag containing matters of some ken, supposed to come from Tuckahoghenny, all the letters were for the Gentlemen, Men and natives of the Detacht with me.

To day is a busy one with reports & writing, & the Letter of Mr. Lees done with me — I imagine, from black ack that Col. B. or some of the Gentlemen with the Detacht will be with you — Ever 9 miles that. is the distance he is said to be off. Yrs very truly,

[illegible]

159 202

My Dear Sir

I send You inclosed the Cowle Namah which would have been given to Soobarow on the 3d Inst for the Circumstance of his Name in preceding Mine—

It will be a Key as to the Extent, of and Continuance of his Appointment as Amildar, and the accompanying 31 Cowle Namahs will inform Your Writers of the Talooks for which I will be obliged by your directing them to make out Cowle Namahs, and Takeeds requiring the Emigrants to return to their homes & Occupations—

Soobarow's Brother is not yet come here, he is perhaps at your Cutchery— if not I suspect he is gone back to Soobarow, though I think that rather unlikely, and wish to be prepared to give him the Cowles according to Original promise

Very truly Y^rs

A Brown

7 June 1799

160

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Tarangambadi 3 June 1799

My Dear Sir,

Col Kirkpatrick & Mr Wellesley have arrived in [illegible] and [illegible] is ordered by Lord Mornington to meet them. Further news [illegible] on the 28th on her march to Chittledroog. Nothing further has come in. It had been communicated whether [illegible] Lord [illegible] to the Peshwa or not.

Our troops have arrived at [illegible] and [illegible] without opposition.

Yours very truly
[illegible]

7th January 8 P.M.
[illegible]

162 205

My dear Sir

The Bearer, who is the acting
Warrior among the Ooteculla Grandas, having
informed me of his receiving a summons for
him on his way hither, proceeds to attend you
tomorrow at Combotoni, and has requested
this note of introduction. It is unnecessary
to repeat, that this family has been par-
ticularly attentive to that line of Conduct
which they had themselves proposed previous
to the Commencement of hostilities, I am
in great hopes, tho' the Grandas appear to
have high calculations, that after their
having made their statements, they will
come down to principles of moderation,
in compliment to the New Government

under what auspices they are likely in future, to enjoy what they are justly entitled to.

I have the pleasure to be,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours

Geo. Rommey

Portsmouth 7th June 1797

J. B. Hucker Esqr

163 207

Honered Sir —

I Right you a fue Lines to aquaint you that I
Cannot Come to you According to your Request, Sir I
have spoke to Captn. Mc. Grigor three times but
he will not Grant Me Leave, Sir I would be very
Glad to Come to you if I Could in Tipose time I was here
in Errode, with out services were some of the Brammineys
Aquainted Tipo that I was Carrying on Carrispondance
with the Companeys Officers, when Tipo Ordered me
and my Brother to be tak in to Coorapoot and to be put
in Prision then in Irons, when Colonel Read tuck ~~[illegible]~~
Coorapoot he Released me, at that time Colonal Read
Requested me to Aquaint the Country Peopal that
they Must Bellong to the Companey Knew which
I Did, and Likewise Wootacoola Collapanor Parore and
Errode, at those three Places is there was some Disturban[ce]
Sence you went away from this Place wich by my
Request To Captn. Mc. Grigor I got Some Sepoys and
Pollagars and went and Settelled them so that all is
Quiet now, Sir if you Request me to Come to you be so kind a Right
to Captn. Mc. Grigor as I would be very Glad to Come
the Revenue of the District of Errode I have Got it in Righting
Sir if it is your Request, where ther was 2 fanams Got before
there Shall Be 3 Got now

Sir Mutarlaand Gopeshitapallam is very rich to aney Other place
this Country, if you will Give an Order i will settle that my self as well
... to your Plesiour, if you will Grant me Leave to Come to you
... Brother has Been out of servies for some time, and has stod in his ...
some time past without aney servies, the Tusaldar has spoke to my
Brother to Come into his servies and that he would pay him, But in the
time of Paying him his Monney he has Put him a Prisonar, on Account of some
dispute Betwin him and the Tusaldar Concering some Paddu that he sais is lost
and that he will Make him Accountable for it, as the rest of the
Brammanys are Making it up with the Tusaldar for to hurt him
they are all Concerned in it to hurt him, they have likewise
put Two of his one servants in Irons he has Give an Account of Every
thing the Country Affords to the Tusaldar but to no purpose
and this is the second Month sence he is Confined and has no
thoughts of being Released yet. I would be Glad to Come to you
and then I Could tell you All About it, I inform you that
this Tusaldar dos not know very Little about this Country
But What he is Told By Other Peapole, Sir I have to
inform you that Myself and All My People has a desier to See the
Compiney

your Most Obedeant

Humble Servant Trimlapulla

...rode 8th
June 1797

164

My Dear Sir,

Having now no further occasion for the Peons, I send them back & make you my heartiest thanks for having been favoured with their services — Only 5 of them are present, as one, Coottoo Warrier, was sent to Columbum with a letter on the 28th ultimo, & directed to return next Day, or the day after that at farthest, but he is gone, I fancy, to Pylung to see his Family.

I am, My Dear Sir,

— Yours very Sincerely,

A. Lindsay

Camp near Coimbatore
8th June, 1799.

Sankerry Droog 18: June 1799

165

Dear Sir

I trust you will excuse my trou[bling]
you about Verdundarow again & nothing but
a necessity of punishing him as early as possib[le]
should induce me to apply to you for him
immediately – his example of desertion has bee[n]
attended with bad effects not only in my
Division Cucchasee but even in the Trechangod
one of Reddyrow Gomasta has been absent from
that place more than a Month, & since has
been traced in the newly conquered Countries under
your Collection – as it is not yet discovered ex-
=actly where he is I hope on discovery you will
allow of my applying for him likewise –
In the Division Cucchasee a Gomasta applied
for a Month's leave to see his Friends & I was
obliged to deny him as every reason combined
against him to suppose that he likewise
meant to desert as

& we have strong proofs against three or four others waiting only for an opportunity to make their escape — this spirit of desertion has occurred in consequence of Verdindakaw remaining with you; but if you will be so good to send him to me a Prisoner immediately you will very much oblige me: & I hope it will put an effectual Check to any attempts of desertion in future — I am

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

William Marriott

My Dear Sir

I have been in possession of Your favor of 7th Ulto. since the [illegible] indisposition prevented my Replying to and thank you for Your very Obliging Offer of assisting the Recommendation of the Person to whom I gave a Stock [illegible] the [illegible] belonging to him, in which I feel particularly interested for [illegible]

having

having was, whilst with
me, conducted himself
with the greatest propriety
& afforded me, in the several
duties I have been engaged
in the most essential
service. I do therefore in
Consequence of his very
polite and Orderly conduct
recommend
[illegible] to your notice, [illegible]
him to hear, he [illegible]
[illegible] happy
[illegible] useful to [illegible]
I do not enter [illegible]

167

of the Youndas &c., concluding of Course, — all points are by this time Lwith [illegible] ma-nagement in the way to [illegible] with — I have only to Regret I had not the pleasure of an interview to assure You how much I am my Dear Sir

Your Obliged & Obdt Servt
Geo Maxwell
June 11th 1789

Delaware District
Anyerca[illegible]

[illegible] from

Mr. [illegible] Appointed

[illegible] 1791

[illegible]

168 213

My Dear Sir

The Committ=
ees directed me to Establish
a Tappal Communication,
from Palghautt to Darapoor=
am;— but as You are now
at Coimbatoor,— I could wish
You would forward the Pack=
et from thence towards Ma=
dras by any Route You
deem most eligible;— my
Anjeekarah in that Case
shall be Stationed at Wal=
tiore, or Trichengherry,— or
wherever You choose to
take
the

the packet up;– favor
me with Your commun-
ications on this point
so soon as convenient.–
as Government are de-
sirous of transmitting
all letters thro Ouranu
acquired Territory in
preference to the Guian-
nore Route – I am
My Dear Sir
Yr most Obedt
Ochterlony

14th June }
1823 } Velatree Totten
Aagoraduppurum.–

245

My Lord [illegible]

I thank you for the news paper. We have experienced warm weather, but shall look for a few days (as usual) before the end of the month.

The Society at [illegible] have refused to receive Mr Hanni's letter & Lt Col. [illegible] recommendation, in consequence of which the Col. has returned to Mangalore to request Government for obtaining the land.

With best regards

Yours truly

[illegible]

15th June

P.S. Lt [illegible], adjutant of the [illegible] has undertaken to [illegible]

and had partly offered to [illegible] to
[illegible] — But as I understand you
wish the Court to be this Comman-
der, will you be so obliging as to com-
municate your instructions — Letters by
[illegible] Post [illegible] to Mr [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

The people are Just Returned who I sent the other day to Dewiputum for the Serishtadar Morarow, and the other men mentioned in your letter, but they bring back word that there are none of them in that part of the Country, nor can they tell where they are gone to — The Bearer of this is the person who brought me your letter and went along with the Sepoys and Peons, that I sent to Dewiputum, so that he will be able to give you every information on this Subject —

We were only obliged to make use of a Boat one day in crossing the River, it has continued favorable weather —

I am Dear Sir
Your very Obedt
T. Oliver

Dowlegenotta
23d June 1799.

171 24

My Dear Sir

In Consequence of the Information I sent a Hircarrah to the Katadicottah Rajah, who is at present on his good behaviour, at least he ought to be; — his reply I have had translated & now forward You a Copy thereof; — I would be extremely obliged to You to Cause Some of our Malabar Rogues to be apprehended; — for the Bombay Government appear well inclined to treat with

proper

proper Severity such of them
Subjects, as are now trouble-
some; — I am happy to
hear so favorable an accou
of Mr. Hearts at Coimbatoor,
trust we bring the whole
of that delightful Country
will see the good effects of
British Government. —
My little Recommendatio
the Jouraff, — writes his Bro
then has been Employed
him. — I feel much Oblig
flattered by this mark of
yr attention, and truly Re
spect, I have not an Oppor-
tunity of

172

of assuring you perfec-
ently how much I am
Very dear Sir

Your Obliged & Obdt. Sert.
Geo Maddell

Telatere Tokeru } 24th June
Angeadyppuram } 1791
Malabar

[illegible]

from
Mr Waddell
24th June –

173 218

Translate letter to the Acting Southern Superintendant from the 5th Calicut Rajah.

A. C.

Your letter brought me on the 10th of Mu..enom by a Peon with a plate I have received read & understand You Say that people making use of my Name go into the Neighbourhood of Peroor in Coimbatoore where they plunder & that the Gentleman at Coimbatoore has written to You about this business that I must enquire about this & Seize those people & Send them to You at Angadypooram; that if I did not do this & Such Conduct was pursued it would bring disgrace upon me, this is what Your letter contains.

When I came to Kallaucotta from Calicut with the permission of the Commrs, I sent for all my people &

& gave them orders never in future to
commit any kind of disturbance; &
those that have been committed about
River are not by my people.

Since I received your Letter,
& at this time, I have, & am using &
every diligence to enquire for & find
out the people who have acted thus
& if I can learn who they are they
shall be seized, & sent to you.

I hope you will not
believe the falsehoods that any person
may tell you of me, but if the intel-
-ligence of my people doing wrong is
true, I request your favor always to
write me of it.

True Translation
Signed [illegible]

10th [illegible]
of June 1795

(A true Copy)
[illegible]

True Copy
Geo. [illegible]

1718

Dear Sir

I was fav'd with your letter yesterday evening by Babarow the Seristhedar — When he fixes on a place for his Entrance the necessary Guard shall be furnished for it; and every other assistance in my power shall be given him agreeable to the orders you may send him from time to time —

I am Dear Sir
yours very Obly
T. Oakeley

Sangaparetta
26th June 1799.

P.S. Many thanks for the paper —

[illegible] —

1175 222

Dear Hamilin

I beg of you to comply with the accompanying charges to enable me to have a clear accompt drawn out of the vast [illegible] which have fallen to the lot of the Detachment, for the inspection of any one who may chuse to call for it.

Yours truly

J. H. Smith

24th June
1799.

176

22

Dear Sir

I am just fav'd with yours of the 24th inst., and am much obliged to you for the papers.

I wish I knew as much of the time, as you do, with respect to Moranow, and his Sailors — I was near doing right, as I had ordered the Guard to take him, and the Oxen to […]am before — I hope I shall be more lucky another time —

I am Dear Sir
Yours very Obdt
T. Olivey

Damariscotta
25th June 1799
6 O'clock P.M.

177 225

Dear Hardie

I am favour'd with yours, & I am very Glad to hear of
the Assistance of the Delli Man, but their Vackeels came here
in Great Confidence & told me you had sent them & to obey any
orders I gave them, & as the Polygars [illegible] Were Assisted With the Peons
to take the Hill, I at the time [illegible] Reason for not accepting
their Assistance, I Wrote to Murray Row at [illegible] & told Him if
could Spare me any Peons to send them, & It is my Intention
When they come to try for the Hill, Which from Accounts which
I have Great Reason to Depend on by Cutting off their Water they
Cannot hold out long, & about 20 of their Peons have already sent in
for Cowl, & Will Perhaps come in to Days, We Can get on Very Well
every Where When we have this Hill, the Writer of their Village &
one of the head People are Prisoners there, there is a fellow Called
Muncapilly who Wants some Villages here, I have got his two
Brothers in Law, I sent out a Guard With Murray Row in hopes
of Catching Him, tho we faild in that the Guard did some Good,
I take it you Will have some trouble With these Polygars but
you Ought to assist my force Augmented that we may do some
Good, I have not been Idle, & Murray Row has had every Assista
[illegible] from me he could Wish for, & he seems Anxious to do Well
You must Order me some Wine or I shall not be able
to Carry on the War, Well, & Am Yours truely

J Simons

[illegible] 26 1749

[illegible] Party took Possession of [illegible] from [illegible] but
[illegible] Collector & [illegible] in [illegible]
but I fancy they found some Mistake [illegible]
a Party of Peons Arrived & [illegible] at the Hill

T. W. B. Hardie Esqr
Collector

Sir/

I have the honor of yours
of the 25th inst. and have according
to your desire sent for & confined
Goodwin Taverner in a house
adjoining my own & closely
guarded —

I lament with you the death
[illegible] of Goodwin which must
be inconvenient & vexatious to
you, particularly at this time
when you are no doubt much
employed —

any thing which may be of any
service that I can execute for
you, you may depend upon my
exertions to effect — accept my
best thanks for the Newspapers
and I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obd.t Humble Se[rvant]
Sutherland M[illegible]
Lieut. Commanding

[illegible]
27th June 1799

Darrampoory 7. July 1799

179

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of acknow=
=ledging the receipt of your Letter dated 23 [illegible]
return you my best thanks for the promis[e]
[of] sending Verdinda Row to me

You must excuse me when I assure you that
from undoubted authority I am led to sup=
=pose Gomasta Reddy Row from the Trich=
=angoor Talook is in your employ as Tasil
=dar of Potoscollee - should you not find it
inconvenient to send him likewise to me
you will particularly oblige me -

Your remark that "the Public Service must
not suffer by their misconduct" - is a maxim
that should always guide a Public Servant
for private should always give way to Public
Good - but both these cases are public; & certain
=ly after the great indeed I may say laborious

Pains that

Capt. Hect. Munro has taken to render
all the Gomastas in his Cutcharee competent
to transact even the minutiæ of the Publi:
Business it would be a hardship to him
to have the same pains to undergo with
a new sett. I am confident I do him but
Justice when I alledge that there is not one
Gomasta in this Cutcharee but who is capa:
=ble of undertaking the charge of any Sud
=dary & by keeping it in their view that
they will be preferred as vacancies occur
it may act as a stimulus for them to
do their Duty, but if they are seduced from
greater wages to leave this Cutcharee they
certainly will, & the only mode I can at
present suppose likely to put a stop
to so troublesome a business is to make a
severe example of both the Gomastas who
have transgressed—

I am Dear Sir
Yours sincerely
William Marriott

Coimbatoor 10th July

Dear Sir

your favor of the 1st July I have only this moment received - Verdienrow was started hence on the 3d instt. with my best wishes that he might get what he desired -

If Teddy row - be the same man you write of (as being at Ootcoole) from Trechangoor you shall certainly have him the

I do not admit one word of your argument - the truth is - such things when discovered should always be checked - as they cause a great inconvenience in all respects - you shall have the result of my enquiry -

Very truly yours
(signed) W. Hurdis
10th July.

From
William Marriott Esqr
dated 1st July 1799
recd 10th Do Do

To Single P. Sheet 4 ½ fa (Service)
Returned

Robt A. Hurdis Esqr
Collector
Dindigul

William Marriott
A.C.

To be entered in
the Miscellany
Book

T. B. Wardis Esqr
Collector —

Sir

I am favored with yours
of the 30th by Narcis Rene, who
arrived this morning, and delivered
yours — He was prevented from
crossing the river last night,
he says he had intended by
to swim —

I have released Goodman
and ordered him to Contribute
as you desire —

I hope you may not be again
disappointed from this man —
I am much obliged for the
newspapers — I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servt.
Ar. Mc. McDonald
Lieut. Col.
[illegible]
2 July 1799

187

Coimbatoor 1st July

Dear Sir

The bearer of this is my Friend [illegible] who with part of my [illegible] is proceeding to [illegible] up [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] a favourable [illegible] inclined to — he is a man of very good character & as such was sent to me — [illegible] has proved himself so much [illegible] that [illegible] he [illegible] a [illegible] from you in his [illegible] — you'll be obliged by your [illegible] to him as [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] on [illegible]

The Bombay papers will give you tomorrow & contain many interesting news

Very truly yours
Dear Sir is
[illegible]

183 2?

Dear Sir

I am Just this moment fav^d with yours of the 2^d by your Peishwa Sobrow, who shall receive every assistance, and support in my power —

I return you my best thanks for your kind attention in sending the papers, which to a person placed in a corner of this kind, become doubly welcome. —

I am Dear Sir
Yours very truly
T. Ottway [?]

Danigamutta
4th July 1799

18LX 275

185 236

My dear Sir

The Bearer a Brahmin of a Neighbouring Village having about an hour ago complained to me that some people were forcibly carrying away his Cow — I sent a Harcarrah to bring them and the Cow to me — They proved to be a Lascar belonging to you who with a Toty and Tundicarah, he says, were sent out by some of your people to get a Cow for your Use — but as I know you would not sanction such forcible proceeding I have desired the Brahmin's Wife who has come with the Cow to take her home; and send the Brahmin with the Lascar & Toty to answer any Questions you may chuse to put to them

Very truly Yours

[illegible] Brown
13th 25

186 257

Dear Sturdee

Sturry Row informs me you have Orderd him to send Money to him before & he asked me if I had any Order to send a Guard, I told I had not but that he should have a Guard, in Case of Accidents, he Wished to decline under the impression that you would not be pleased, but I told him to make himself Easy on that head, as I would take all Responsibility from him; I do not Suppose there is any Danger, Without a Guard, but thought it as Well Send it,

I wrote you before about the Wine but I have not got any Answer as yet, the Roads Will be so bad in a short time that I shall not be able to send for it;

The Grain in the Rock will get Damaged if there is much Rain as the Godowns are not of the Best kind, we have no Pay here as yet, it is coming from Madura I hear & am yours truly

J Simons

Pelambum

July 12. 1799

1877 — 238

Dear Sir

About a Year ago,
a person by Name Ananda
Prabu, confined in the
Goal at this Place in
consequence of non Compli-
-ance with a decree
passed against him in a suit insti-
tuted in the Sr. Court of
by a [illegible]
Adawlut of Malabar for
the sum of Bombay Rupees
7142 — Upon his release from
Imprisonment, and took asylum
in the [illegible], where he
has ever since made his
appearance in this Province.
The Plaintiff having gained
Intelligence that the said Ananda
Prabu is thus [illegible],
and living at a village called

[illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible]
of that [illegible] Pasture[?]. [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] by [illegible]
been seized —
In the [illegible]
wealthy Brothers. It has [illegible]
caused by the persecutions of [illegible]
of this Station, who have had the[?]
in Bond for these four Years past, [illegible]
helpless [illegible]. I have to request
that you will oblige me by [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible] who
are Inhabitants of [illegible], and are
now under custody of the Bearer of
this Letter —
I have lately returned
from an Excursion to the Coast,
and have assumed Charge of
this District. and trusting you
will pardon the liberty I have taken
in thus troubling You.
I have the honour to be
[illegible] Your most obedient
[illegible] July 18[illegible] } [illegible]

188
23

To F. B. Alexander Esqr

Collector Dindigul &c

Dear Sir

In consequence of Orders from the Governor General in Council I beg leave to inform you that I am to proceed to Madras this Evening & may not return to Tanjore till the End of August I have therefore to request that you will make provisions for the August Payments & take the trouble to write to Mr Hughes assuring him of your punctuality in this respect —

I request you will take the same steps for the September Payments provided you do not hear from me before Mr Hughes may be in want of the Cash

I am —

Have the Honor to be

Dear Sir

Your very Most [illegible]

B. [illegible]

19th July 99

B. Torin Esqr.

&c. &c.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 19 instant I have [illegible] moment received and in consequence of the col-
-lections coming well in from the Conquered Countr[ies]
- I shall be able I trust to answer all the [illegible]
moderate Indents as you may wish - and you
may be assured I shall punctually attend to
all you may desire -

I am dear Sir

Coimbatoor very obediently your[s]

24th July 1799 (signed) W. Hun[illegible]

189 241

Dear Sir

I have Just Rec'd by the Bearer Nine letters, which I have deli-vered to Bankson desiring him to forward them to Osborne at Tettamanglaune, where he has been for some days past —

I am Dear Sir

Yours very truly

J. Riley

[illegible]ayanette

July 09 —

P.S. I believe a letter I [illegible] to you in the morning was dated the 20th by mistake —

190

ments.

I am extremely thank-
ful to thee for the kind
attention to which thou
hast paid to my late
private requests —

I have since myself
acquainted with the London
yearly meeting's representation
to thee —

As this case was heard
& decided upon in the
Ct. Court of Circuit, to
which, as a local Magis-
trate I am subordinate
I shall apply to the
Judge for an authenticated

Copy of the above papers
on the cause of Mary
Ann versus Doondoo
Marta, and Ramcund Ro
Sircar. which will set
me clear the truth of
what the latter has set
forth in the paper queer
have cast me —

I am
Gentlemen
Yr. Most obedt. St.

Patnah
20th. July 78.

[illegible]

J. E. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector Dindigul &c

Sir

I have been duly honor'd with your letter & also one from the Revenue Board, in consequence of your request desiring me to put myself under your direction, to Survey that part of the Conquer'd Countries attach'd to Dindigul, on a Salary of 50 Pags. per Month.

Government have also in consequence of my former services honor'd me with their approbation, & a reward of 1000 Pags. & I am much inclined to think that on the receipt of the Commissioner's letter, inclosing one from the Colonel & one from Captn. Mackenzie of the Engineers, who is to Superintend the Survey of all the Conquer'd Countries, strongly recommending my being immediately employ'd on a comfortable salary, they'l be pleased to increase my pay considerably, if not however I trust my exertions will soon convince you that I deserve it, & I shall rely on your goodness.

The letter I sent you was with the entire approbation of Colonel Read & he saw your Answer, & said that as he well knew Captains Macleod & Graham,

were desirous of having me under them; in case of any proposals I have only to take the best offer.

To carry on the business with alacrity & effect, the following necessaries (which Colonel Rea for the last 2 years furnished at his own private expence) are wanted, Viz

Tents { One Marquee
One Private Tent
One Necessary D^o. } If a Sepoy tent could also be allow'd, it would prevent many inconveniences & Quarrels.

A Naigue, Guard, & 6 Peons, to carry Instruments & Perambulator, & to have alternately 2 Boys from the Asylum as Assistants & Interpreters, who if properly selected, & the term of their apprenticeship to expire as soon as they became Masters of the business, I am convinced would be found very useful to their Employers in 2 or 3 years, & might be successfully employ'd afterwards on very moderate terms.

In place of Government furnishing Tents & Peons, as I fancy will be the Case, if that allowance was given to procure them, it would be something beneficial.

In consequence of my being lately on Jeswandy Paun, I have been for some time past, labouring occasionally under severe attacks of the Fever & Ague, & am advised to go to the Coast, a Month or two, before I begin on so large an undertaking; a Circumstance which the Col. in his recommendation to the Commissioners enforced, as highly necessary, & to which they agreed. As Matters now stand its also necessary to have your approbation, & I flatter myself a request so reasonable cannot be denied.

Having dispatched my baggage two days previous to the receipt of Government's letter, I propose going off to Morrow. I shall hope to be honored with your Answer, & any Commands regarding the Arrangements proposed, directed to the care of Mr Goodale Merchant, Madras. —

I am paid by the Colonel for June, and as the date of Government's letter is July 6th I am of course to draw pay for that Month from you, & if you would be so good as favor me with an order for it, & perquisites, on any house at Madras (having many little necessaries to procure) I shall deem it a very particular obligation conferred on one, who shall be happy to evince with how much gratitude

He has the honor of being

Sir

Your Much oblig'd

Humble Servant

John Mather

Kisnagur
Aug.t 6th 1799

From
Mr. J. Mathews
dated 4th August 1799
recd. 8th Do.

To be entered in
the miscellany
book —
Letters for August

193 247

My dear Sir

I hope the payment of the Guard with you, will not be quite so productive of trouble to you as it was, last month —

I have this day given in to Mr Ramshaw's hand, the exact amount; and according to a statement, which I have the pleasure, to forward to you, enclosed in this letter.

When you make the payment, you will of course, deduct the balance, that the people owe you. You did not mention how much it amounted to, or I would have stopped, and paid it here, to Mr R. ——

Yours very truly

Abbott

Dindigul
8th Augt. 99

From
Lieut. Scott
dated 18th august 99
recd. 22d Do. Do.

1948 248

Statement of Pay and Batta, to the Detachment of 1st Bn. 14th Regt. N. I. on Duty at Coimbatore

		Pay of July	Batta of July	Total any each Rank	Total of each Rank	Total
1	Havildar	.. 47. 27	.. 16. 22	.. 64 11	.. 64 11	
1	Naigue	.. 37. 22	.. 16. 22	.. 54 6	.. 54 6	
12	Sepoys	.. 27 11	.. 16. 22	.. 43 33	.. 526 16	.. 644
		Callee fanams Six hundred and forty four and thirty three Anah Cash				.. 644

	Callee fan.	A. C.
S. P. N. 25 at 13½ =	337.	19 =
Callee fanams	307.	14
Total	644.	33

Abbott
Adjt. 1st B. 14th

Dear Sir

The Gun having arrived here from Gurrettaty, and seeing nothing of the Company that is to relieve me, I think it as well to send it forward, which I now do under charge of a Sepoy — I have sent no Ammunition with the [illegible]ers, not knowing what you ought to receive, but have ordered them in Store

I am Dear Sir

Yours very truly

T. Ahley

Dangamutta

9th Augt 99 -

a blank [illegible]

196 19

22 Septr

Dear Dalton

From all I can learn there is every reason to think the Payalumcourchie Poligar is in the hills & Jungle near the Allagherry Coil — I suppose Major Bannerman has written you respecting him —

Yours very truly

Signed J. B. Munro —

197

22d Septr 1799

My Dear Sir

From every information I can collect I have strong reason to think the Cat is in the Hill & Jungle near the Allagerry Carl between Mellore & Nuttum —

I have written Captn Dallas to this effect —

Very truly yours

(Signed) J H [illegible]

198

Coimbatoor 26th August
1799.

Dear Sir

Agreeable to your Orders I have released the Representatives of the Moorf Polygars. I have also forwarded yr. letter to Dr. Haveland who is going to Survey the Waterfalls.

I am
Dr. Sir
Yrs. truly
J. Wm. Kingsley

From

Mr Kingsley

dated 26 August 98

J. B. Hurds Esqr

Collector &c

Pillachy

199

Dear Hardis

Your Cash Chest Has had a Narrow Escape
It was Well I added the Jemidar, as the Havildar
first order'd was so fond of Iron & so Expert in Getting
it off of Guns &c that He wou'd Certainly have tried your
Cash Chest, & He might Probably have taken a liking
to some other Metals, I did not know he was the Taking
or I had a Report before you left this of My Guns on
the Hill being Eased of some Iron & I have traced it to
a Bengal Havildar who Went With your Cash Chest to
Dindigul, I Have Him & a Naigue in Confinement & have
sent to bring in An Armourer Who Worked it up.

I Have had the Pleasure this Morning to
Receive My Friend Mungapelly, but wou'd it not be
better to Accomodate Him With some Kind of Toys
As He is very Active & when I sent a Party After Him
before He leaped a Mill hedge, he may on Extraordinary
Occasion leap Higher.

I Have Sent My Revenue Batta Bill to
Trotter, With some Sensible Remarks, & you may
if you like it Pay the Bal. of our Account to Him (Star Pagodas). My Acc
Against you is, 4th.. & you Must Deduct Batta Bill
& What I was to Pay you on Account of Oliber one Pagoda
& four Fanams, & believe me Yours Ever truely

J Simons

4 Sept 1799

From
Capt. Simons
dated 4 Sept. 99

This Enter in the
Miscellany –

To be entered in
the miscellany
Book –

Dear Mr. Hurdis

I was favord with yours, what you mentio[ned]
respecting the Polygar Sheep was in the first instance
done but they have been sent back to me again and
my boy is gone to Tritchinopoly to try and get the
Accounts adjusted, and with him are all my Accoun[ts]
and Vouchers so that till he returns I cannot furnis[h]
you with what you require, but then you shall
have all the information I can give you with much
pleasure - We have had a few very smart Showers
here - wishing you health &c.

I remain
very sincerely
Your Obedient Servt.
C. M. Gepp

Carroor
9th Septr. 1799

I write you this in case any thing
should prevent or defer your Journey
hither ...
[illegible] best love to you ...

Nagalapore 13th Septr 99
5 o'Clock P.M.

Dear Sir

I am this moment favored with your [letter] of the 10th accept my thanks for your attention & obliging information. I am vexed the Cat has eluded the pursuit of my parties. I am in possession of almost the whole of his Principal followers and Subramonee Pilly his Principal Manager I hanged this morning on the same [illegible] of any rank - the Cat has only fifty people with him - as he is pretty slickering, Promised you may put one or even two thousand Pags. on his Head (or a few hundred each) & I will pay the sum with good will to you or another.

Altho' we experienced very great mortification from our repulse at Panjalamcourchy, yet I think it will ~~in consequence~~ not materially operate to delay the arrangements

to

to be carried in effect. I have written all the Colaries at Arrayoonattom bordering on your District to deliver up the Poligar if he goes to them — but after he passed Tevanachy Naig's boundaries I lost all hopes. The fellow has not capacity to extricate himself nor has he the means — Subramoney [illegible] both, but he has passed to the [illegible] below — if the Cat goes to Travancore he will be sent to me — The Brother of the Poligar of this place who committed the most atrocious acts of Murder & plunder in the Ramnad country some months ago — Secured to Gopalpoor this morning there to be executed. He had once burned the inhabitants of that place & burnt & plundered it, you know the [illegible] I have to deal with, I will not wonder at my making such signal examples — I hope & trust it will awe the [illegible] & save many lives — I expect Lushington hourly in Camp

Excuse haste — I am dear Sir yours very faithfully

J. Bannerman

My dear Hurdis,

Owing to the great Scarcity of Oil in the Madura Country. The Barrack Master's Conicopoly at Madura has been under the necessity of sending in different directions for Oil for the supply of that Garrison; of which six bullock loads lately passing thro' the Dindigul country was stopped and Duty required by the Junkum people. Now Hurdis as this Oil is purely intended for the use of the troops in Garrison at Madura, I will be obliged by your giving from your Cutcherry an Order for such description of person travelling your way and that may make a request of your indulgence to pass Duty free thro' your district provided it should appear he has no intention of abusing such indulgence. —

I believe the people of the Barrack Conicopoly are at Dindigul just now. —

I remain Dear Hurdis

very truly Yours

A. Smith

Trichinopoly

14th Sept. 1799.

My dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours of 15th. By Proclamation in the Tinnevelly Poll[ams]
I have Proscribed the Cat. & Cadalgoody Polig[ars]
& have put on their Head 2000 [illegible]
Rams. you will oblige by giving a few
advertisement among your Gentry
if you think a larger Sum will stimulate
them to execute. offer it & if they succeed I will
chearfully pay - I have been hanging
& beheading without much compunct[ion]
which I hope will make a proper
Impression on the weak minds of the
innocent Natives, I have not been
operating on common Persons, but

on the Principal Agents of the Poligars, for it
y they who have been keeping all the
Pelt, — The Pollams of Panjalamcoor-
chy, Naglaupoor, Colarpetty, Cadalgoody
Golatoor, Yellarampenny have been upon
& Mr Lushington is taking charge — I am o
the eve of moving in a Westerly direction to
have summoned the Wottlers in that
Quarter to attend me — I am

Dear Sir
Yr Loving [illegible]
[illegible]annerman

Camp at
Naglapoor
17th Sepr 1799

[illegible] desires his kind remembrance [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible] — [illegible]

My dear Sir

I am favoured with yours enclosing a paper of information from the Pampapunthy Colaries, for which I am very thankful to you, the report of the Cats moving Eastward, compared with an odd sort of ~~ap~~ acct I have of his intention to proceed to Tranquebar - The offer of five thousand rupees is by no means too much for his Head & I shall with real pleasure honor the demand when you find it so. Every thing in this quarter goes on as we could wish - Turing joins me in best regards - I am

Y[ou]rs very truly

22nd Sept.

J Bannerman

I will not fail to write you when I can the Yellamoody news

205

261

Milford 26th Septr 1799

Dear Steuben

I have just received yours of the 23d which is the first I have heard about the Pendleton Counties man being near Allegheny Co. it is possible, but I dont think so, I will however enquire strictly after him, I know him well personaly if I could get sight of him.

Major Bannerman wrote me on the 20th but not a Word of the above, I have a Letter of the 22d from my Brother Charles, saying they are now on their march to Pittsburgh, where I under-stand all the Delegates are to meet Bannerman on the 26th

Yours very Sincerely

P. Dallas

206

Coimbetoor 27th Septr.
1798.

Dear Sir,

Captain McLeod informed me yesterday that you wished me to send your Prisoners to Dindegul I am sorry to inform you that at present it is entirely out of my power I have thirty Sepoys here 19 on Duty 5 Sick there remains only six to releave the above. I expect shortly to be ordered to Trich[illegible] can I serve you in any lot or in any thing there. Dr Humphrys sends his Compts to you

I am
Dear Sir
Yr Sincere Hble Servt
J. Humphrey

207

Dear Mr. Hardis

Herewith I send you an Account of the Cattle and Sheep sent from hence by Jonas Armitage under charge of his own Servants & and Drivers. I hope it will appear clear to you.

Your good Wine I drank I believe rather too much of last Night.

Your Obliged Servt

C M Gepp

28th Feby: 99.

208 68

My dear Saunders

I take up the pen to inform you that Colonel Brown has come down the Ghauts and [illegible] we are in full possession of the Kingdom of Coimbatore.

You will learn from them [illegible] the army better than I can; you [illegible] of what has been done and what is likely to go forward in future.

This detacht has put Garrisons into Dharapoor(?) in the [illegible] & [illegible] Chettleoway — and we were in full march half way between [illegible] & the hind [illegible] of Chittledroog, when were recalled as it appears. That part of the Country is likely

to fall to the share of our faithful allies
the Mahrattas. //
fort
The Khan has been destroyed but not
completely the foundations are not upheaved [illegible]
to be burnt the Palace and [illegible] [illegible]
as [illegible] [illegible] in 92. Robertson was in
Com.d here with 2 Comp.s of Seboys and Mun[illegible]
as Collector [illegible] Reads return with [illegible]
send them to the rest about
Pray send me my Camels with as little
delay as possible to Ryacottah to the Care
of Doveton who will send them on to
me via Bangalore —
Whether by this time you and Elphinstone
are very intimate or hate and [illegible]
you the same as you know [illegible]
the latter [illegible] the Ram Rajahs [illegible]
send or alive? I don't send them here for

2009

My Dear Sir

You see what I got from Town this morn.

You can now see in one what appearance one can dance, & as far as it can be made, really & [illegible] from the Major & his ingenious Gentleman [illegible] have the epaulettes [illegible] to be patient a few days – Pray see what is wrong in the [illegible] – [illegible] I have a letter somewhere but where [illegible] I am sure 'tis not necessary to search that letter as I have not received any other –

Our young [illegible] have astonished [illegible] & with him after his arrival have the pleasure of paying his respects to you – this is written & without being [illegible] will be [illegible] his [illegible] – He has no [illegible] in them that [illegible] to you – & you are greater [illegible] & gain the Esteem of his brothers and

every other Gentleman

– We have agreeable [illegible]

[illegible] very [illegible] to the

People [illegible] are [illegible] our way

If you should [illegible] him [illegible]

[illegible] a favour I will thank you

to give him a letter [illegible]

as near his House as you can,

with a [illegible] of Water, or where it

may be easy

What is also this pass – with [illegible]

Pass – the better to bring him back

from the Frontiers [illegible]

[illegible] without speaking

him with the other Persons [illegible]

[illegible] them way to [illegible]

[illegible] some time [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

with his [illegible]

[illegible] – Yours very sincerely

[illegible]

[illegible]

9th Octr 1765

210

To Robert Hughes Esqr.

Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant. The arrangement that was made by Govt. for concentering the resources of the Southern Country to be applied to the exigencies of the Corps, being now no longer necessary, you will be pleased to apply for your future supplies of Cash to the Collectors in the same manner as obtained previous to the above regulation.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Benjamin Torin

Resident

Tanjore

29th September 1799

2

26 9

Dear Sir -

I return you thanks. and when more may be required I shall trouble you with a Note - The Sum shall be paid according to their demand not passing the Comp.ty Stated allowed

Yours Very Truly - [illegible] -

6th Octr 1799 -

Jany. 14th Novr

218

My Dear Sir

By the same Tappal with
your Letter of the 10th I receiv'd the enclosed
from Meerkein – What can I say more
than that I am quite ashamed of the
Delay you have experienced —

Your Letter found me in excellent
Health but I have been much engaged
lately a poor Letter to Ravenshaw perhaps
I am concluded sick if not Dead again
make my Salam to him & tell him he
has no chance of the Grey – [illegible]

Extract from Hawkins.

The Points mentioned in your
Letters shall be answered by
Simmons & Lippet —

Simmons & Lippet his

[illegible] —

213 271

My Dear Sir

Having heard you are somewhat disappointed at not being informed of the progress the Assistants Surveyors under Mr H[illegible]'s orders are making in their work, I have taken up the Pen to inform you, at his desire how they are going on—

Turnbull and Allen who I brought with me from Doinotah ~~last~~ in October 98 left this about the end of November with Ambrose Solomon, (having been detained till that time on account of the weather) to proceed in the Survey of the Pottams ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ left off

The same cause that induced the particular survey being begun first, has occasioned the extreme difficulties, and ~~[illegible]~~ that have arisen in completing what is already done, which Mr H. desires me to assure you, is very much to his satisfaction, as well as to the credit of the Assistant Surveyors

this cause, was the numerous cases of disputed
lands, between neighbouring Polligars, and with
them again and many of the Circar villages,
these it was of course a great an immediate
object to investigate and decide on as soon as
possible, whether the lands might be made over
the Pollams or villages, to which they are by right
annexed, instead of laying waste as in most
instances, ~~they did~~ ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~,

As no more satisfactory way could have been devised
for obtaining information on which might be decided
~~effectually~~ the disputes in question, than by
making a particular survey of each Pollam,
this mode was adopted —

The particularity with which the Assistant
Surveyors have proceeded ~~in~~ progress of the work
as far as is done, the care they have taken in
ascertaining the original bounds of each Pollam
and ~~in laying down~~ the many disputed lands,

at the same time that it has enabled

Mr. B— to decide thereon, and cause such

tract to revert to its rightful owner, ~~is a~~ -

great proof of their merit and ability, which

is highly pleasing to him, and must be

gratifying, as it is deserving of the utmost

praise to the person, under whom they

have been educated

The boys are now here ~~plotting down the~~ driven in by the Monsoon, and are entirely[?] north

they have been ~~doing~~ these last two months, they

proceeded ~~...~~ the weather permits to go on with the particular

survey, which of the Dindigul District, they

may be able to finish in three or ~~four~~ months,

& more

I send you herewith the Astronomical Observations

taken by them for the time - The Chronometer has

met with some accident, which the boys say they

cannot account for, ~~but~~ it will go for only

It shall be sent to you. He has a good Constitution

and I think wants nothing more than chance

to come the going well again.

Beg my kind remembrance to Mrs. L.

and am your very truly,

Dindigul. 16 Nov. 1799 ——

215

My Dear Sir

[illegible]kins has at length sent

you a Bill in your favor for Stg. 335. 3. 4

and I have added this to the two sums

for which he had passed the Receipts & I

now send you a Sett of Bills on the

Govt. in favor of the Revd. Board for the

Amount as follows —

Stg. 2872/4 or S. Pes. 20083. 41. 37
d° — — — — — — — — 335. 3. 48

S. Pes. 20419. 3. 5

Another Bills are drawn in your

favour not in mine as they ought

the last I have made a memorandum

at the back of them to explain the

mistake — The last Bill is also dated

in Novr. whereas it belongs to the

transaction in July — this I have

also noted at the back of the

bill itself to this end & G[illegible]

to the Auditor the necessity of the

thereon will appear in all our

accounts ——

216

I have just heard that a Regt. of Cavalry is to be stationed in the Carnatic — I conceive you have seen reason for them among [illegible] Polygars & that they could be as cheaply fed —

We have had plenty of Rain from the South-west — only some! the N East Monsoon has set in & will drown us — The Country however requires a good soaking to recover it

Yours [illegible]

17 Nov

From
Mr. Bn Dorn
dated 17th Novr 99
[illegible]

217

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your communi-
cations of the 16th inst. which are very
satisfactory: the Astronomical Observations
do the young men great credit, but there is
still room for improvement, which practice alone
can give - as they are employed in the particu-
lar Survey, it may not be advisable to let
them lose time by making Astronomical
Observations, unless to fill up time they may
have to spare, in that case the practice will
be of great Service - From not having
heard lately how they were going on I
imagined they were not doing so well as
might have been wished, your letter however

how all in eighty, & I shall feel perfectly satisfied if Mr. Hardie finds them equal to the service expected from them, and it is of no consequence whether the general or particular Survey is completed first, either.
I am well aware it is attended with great difficulty & perplexity, & much [illegible] of time, indeed it is of more immediate moment to Mr. H. to have the latter [illegible]
The Chronometer I think wants your [illegible] only cleaning, & it may be sent down by the first opportunity.

Mrs. G— desires her best Compliments, & I beg my remembrances to the [illegible] family.

Yours truly
[illegible]

Madras
23d Novr.
1799.

218

Dear Brother

I inclose you a Copy of the Letter from the Court of Directors by which you will see what they wish to be done — and if you can send some Specimens of Woods of their description with the leaves flowers and fruit if possible between sheets of blotting paper of each sort to identify them as the Country names are very arbitrary. I shall write you Remissions with the honorable mention of your aid — I should like about three feet of a section of the thickest part of the oldest

trees of each kind and if so much should cause too much trouble to transport, a piece piece, the center of the wood being the base & the bark being allowed to remain about a finger or two in breadth will answer — Then get Ebony Sandall & Redwood the size of these trees and where they grow in greatest abundance in your districts will be useful information I need not say more on this subject

I send you by the bearer a parcel of Gummoottoo seeds a most valuable Palm affording a very rich Toddy and when the tree is cut down the stump ...

ate bags — but what it is most esteemed
for is the abundance of black filaments
like horse hair that is used for making
~~any thing~~ ropes especially for Cables,
~~[illegible]~~ used and highly valued as
not spoiling in salt water — with you
however it will be most useful as a

bags of Toddy or Jaggery tree and any
addition of this sort is useful — if
sown in a bed and transplanted
where they are to grow at the
commencement of the Rains not much
trouble will be required — or if
sown in favorable situations for moisture
that are not overflowed they will
thrive — Yours truly

A. Berry

From Mr. Berry

No date —

Wm. B. Giles Esqr

Extract of a General Letter from England in the Commercial Department Dated 29th May 1799 -

Para 10 -

As it is probable, some of the various descriptions of Wood, the Growth of our Indian Provinces, may be advantageously employed in the finer purposes, to which Woods of a Superior description are applied in this Country, particularly in the fabricating of Mathematical Instruments, Cabinet Ware &ca we wish a Specimen of each sort, to be sent on some of the returning Ships, with a description of the Tree from which it is supplied, the District in which it is produced, the Properties it is understood to possess, by the natives, the size of the Timber that could be furnished, the Price at which it could be afforded, & in what Quantities — We conceive the Botanical Superintendant at your Settlement, will be a proper Person to entrust with the execution of this Commission, and we rely, that he will readily exert himself, in Accomplishing the object of our wishes — It may be necessary to observe, that we do not require the Specimens to be so large, as to occasion any heavy

expense

expense in the Charge of Freight, and should we here=
=after make any Indent for any particular apartment, we
are of opinion, as Billet Wood is used by the Commanders
of our Freighted Ships, as Dunnage for preserving the Cargo
from damage, that the Wood, intended for, may be supplied
them in lieu thereof, on their conditioning to convey it
to England, free of Freight; but Specimens must be
sent by Convenient opportunities, especially by the
Company's own Ships—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) A. Falconar
Sub-Secretary

My kind Friend

If you are coming in hither at the same time that Mr & Mrs Campbell are. I hope for the honor of Your Company to eat a piece of Mutton with us

Yours very Obediently

9th Decr 1777

[illegible]

I send inclosed the Statement Relating to Pay &c.

Statement of the Loss Sustained by the Officers in the Garrison of Cannanore in consequence of the Pay for the months of October and November 1799 having been issued in Arcot New Pagodas at 104 p. Cent for 100 Star Pagodas.

	Amount of Pay as per Abstract			Exchange at 385 S.P. for 100 St. Pag.			Exchange at 104 p. Cent the Pagoda Currency as received from the Paymaster & Issued to the Troops			Loss Sustained p. Month			Total Loss to Individuals		
	S.P.	F.	C.	S.P.	F.	C.	S.P.	F.	C.	P.S.	F.	C.	P.S.	F.	C.
October Pay drawn by Capt. Dunn	111	7	40	131	8	8½	136	27	10	5	19	½			
Novr. Do. Do. Do.	118	11	20	[illegible]	23	3¼	141	20	3½	6	"	"	11	[illegible]	
Lieut. Barker draws for himself and the Details under his charge	648	28	4¾	785	7	2	797	28	8	32	11	6			
Do. Do. Do.	504	19	11	606	12	9	611	11	10	24	26	1	57	9	7
Lieut. [illegible] Do.	279	16	22	331	24	7	346	"	1½	13	14	½			
Do. Do. Do.	282	15	40	333	14	"	349	11	4¼	13	30	3¼	27	6	1¾
Mr. Carroll draws	186	7	"	196	5	11½	204	9	¾	8	7	7			
Novr. " Do. Do.	123	27	19	155	25	13	160	2	12	6	25	6	14	28	13
Total Loss Sustained	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	115	[illegible]	28¼

My Dear Sir

I send for your private information copy of a Publick Letter from Mr. Greene — which accounts for the present. [illegible] of a further speedy supply [illegible] being to take in the Month —

in that Article —

Yrs truely

Wednesday 24th Dec.

R B Sheridan

Don't move — [illegible] — [illegible] but not because for God's sake you can possibly avoid

— Yrs Ever —

To Robert Hughes Esqr.

Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

There were only a few hundred Pagodas short of the Amount necessary to satisfy your demand for ₽400 when most unfortunately our Treasures was broken open last night and the money stolen the particulars of this theft I intend communi[illegible] the Board of Revenue, I therefore lose [illegible] me it to inform you of my entire [illegible] ma[illegible] the smallest advance to [illegible] a [illegible] to [illegible] Rowly f.s in the Treasu[illegible] which can not be converted immediately into Cash. Chuckrams the utmost however shall be done to Collect Cash for all the Fees that can be collected in so short a time that if they are not wanted for the Current month they may serve for the ensuing month.

I have the honour to be

Sir, your most obedt. Servt.

(Signed) H Greene

Actg Collector

Ramnad

17th Dec 99

5/8/77

Checked
SD
8/72